
"The gift of God is eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord."
ROM. 6:23

College, Alaska
Jan 6 - '42

Dr. Everett B King
Board of National Missions
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. King:

I want to thank you for the devotional Book that is so adequate for the day. It is the best I have ever had. - Mrs. Bingle as well as myself sends her appreciation.

The threat of enemy craft, the necessity for Convoy, the Evacuation of families of both Enlisted men & air base workers, the absence of Gasoline, the shortage of fuel - both oil & coal. Puts business on "Low Tide" right now. Finances are bound to reveal reactions, if temporary movements become more permanent. - This must be so for the whole Presbytery at least in part or in particular places.

Am headed South part way down the R.R. - starting Friday. - my report is being sent under special cover.

Thank you again for the book -

Sincerely,
B. J. Bingle.

OFFICE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARY
of the YUKON PRESBYTERY.

College, Alaska.
Jan. 6, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
Sunday School Missions and Alaska
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

In my annual report you can see that it is not too full of affirmations of deeds accomplished during my year of starting the work. I do feel that I should have done better. The following is the goal which I hope to reach, at least in a part for the year 1942:

- 1.- Make permanent what is started this year.
- 2.- Get more Sunday Schools started, there are communities where that is possible.
- 3.- To acquaint myself with all peoples of each community as far as that is possible.
- 4.- To contact more men and families in respective mining camps.
- 5.- To get individuals and families to have a definite devotional life.- I feel that we are short on material to get that started, just parts of the New Testament is insufficient.
- 6.- To visit old Sourdoughs in isolated places.
- 7.- To have as many Daily Vacation Bible Schools as time ^{and conditions} will allow.
- 8.- To be of thorough help to the missionaries on St. Lawrence Island and at Wales.
- 9.- To keep up my own devotional life and study.

Yours sincerely,

Sunday School Missionary B. J. Bingle
B.J.Bingle.

College, Alaska
Jan 9-42

Dr. Everett B King
Board of National Missions
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Am on my way down to Nenana - Expect to stay over two Sundays. Due to war I had to be there during the week twice instead of on Sunday & the Episcopal mission folk have carried on as arranged long before my coming. Things have not turned out so well in response.

This town has quieted down (Fairbanks) slightly over what it was. I "got a kick out of it" - folks sleeping with one hand on the door knob & the other on a suit case. - We were told to get a few necessities together in case of quick exit but I still think they would be poor shots.

Not a drop of gas - to preachers - I think I will rig up Jimmy's bike if we don't fare better after while. I wonder that not be something? - We will get gas after the tankers get lined up - I guess sending the one off Calif. cost sorta mixed us up. - Best Wishes - B. B. Bingle

SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY REPORT

Of Rev. B. J. Bingle

Sunday School Missionary

Date Jan. 15, 1942.

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Dr. Everett B. King:

I wish to thank you for your comments on the reports sent in last month, however I feel apologetic for this month. The holiday season with the immediate thought of the war before everyone, and the final curtailment of gas to non-defense drivers has sorta kept me off the priority list. This war business is not funny. After the first few days people sorta settled down to routine, but with the announcement of subs off Kodiak and the intense blackout that was clamped down on everyone far and near, it put a certain depressive feeling in the minds of folks everywhere that only time will lift. But while there may be some thought of what might befall folks by personal harm there is the growing conviction that if activity gets too close to our Alaskan waters, or that there is too great a loss in American shipping ~~else~~ which will necessitate our boats elsewhere that it will be impossible to get enough food up here to feed the population. So much for the psychological background.

While my work does not include the students of the University yet my getting about brings me into contact with many of the students. They have a problem on their minds like we had in the first world war. "Shall they discontinue the education when they know that within so many months they shall be a member of the arm forces?" Some have to borrow money if they stay for the second semester. To borrow money—then get into a war from which no one knows that he will return makes the problem a little more acute. Defense workers are needed in great abundance. "Is it not better to go to work and await the draft?" Some are being called immediately. We who have been thru that in the last war and were members of the arm forces ourselves know what is on the hearts of the students. - Then can we think of what must be on the mind and heart of the professors and the president of the institution. Somethings for these students must be wrought out in prayer. In materials that have come to me by the Board of National Missions and from friends that have sent devotional booklets etc I have attempted to feed these young folks on spiritual things. (this activity I have not let interfere with my work, it is only "hit and run", but it is something in addition)

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What is the problem of the student is in another way the problem of every civilian. The men in the mining camps, the families included, are in a state of uncertainty. All will register. Some will be called, some feel priorities will curtail their mining activity. While U.S. Smelters affirm their continued operation the little fellow claims that he will be greatly handicapped if not put out of action "for the duration". I visited a home recently back up in the mountains where there is such a family. They are both University graduates. They have put their life earnings and life energy into their little quartz mine, the woman working side by side with the man trying to do her part to make things go. Gasoline is their immediate problem, repairs for their mill and power machinery, the obtaining of powder, they feel will be the next problem and no doubt hard to solve. What are they to do?—that is ever the thought before their minds. They come from good homes, they are hungry for things spiritual. Again I have besides calling passed on to them devotional material from your office and from friends. They are too far from any church to attend.-- Their problem is just one of the very many who are found everywhere in these localities. Toward the coast I can imagine the weight is still greater on their minds.

I met the other day another problem, one that may not elicit sympathy from certain sections. The community is quite German in spots. These people's have relatives, close relatives, on the other side. One lady has a brother in the German air service. She is on the American side thoroughly, but can you see the weight on her heart. She just looks down and cannot say much, it is terrible in her mind. As she came to worship with others my thoughts were on her and others in that congregation who had close kin on the other side of the engagements, in actual conflict.-- Again I asked another lady where her brother was that used to be such a good skier. She said, "I think he is in Manila". That may mean much.

We face another problem in the Territory, this section in which I have my field of labor, that is with government. We have great problems to face as a Territory. We cannot meet them with ill prepared men. We have in the past most incapable folks to direct our affairs and make our laws. This year a new legislature must be elected. With the war on

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and matters weighing so heavily on the business men's mind there is the greatest likelihood that things of statehood will be entirely overlooked. We speak about democracy in the schools and in the church. I personally have the feeling that if we do not make democracy work, or use democracy when we have the opportunity, we will lose that democracy. After having conversation with one of the government-University Extension Workers- on the subject enroute to Fairbanks by train I found myself sorta brought in on a movement to create an adult education program on the things of citizenship for this section of Alaska. Hence I hope I can help make a contribution to that end in the next very few weeks, it is essential for our future and our commonwealth.- I have recorded it in conferences on my report.

I had an encouraging response at Nenana the last time down. I will stay by close for a few weeks to see if something more cannot develop down there that up to now we do not have.

Sincerely,

B. J. Bingle- S.M.

B. J. Bingle -

January 19, 1942

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. B. J. Bingle
College, Alaska

Dear Friend Bingle:

You have my approval and will have my blessing
is you rig up Jimmy's bicycle and start down the old
railroad to Anchorage on it. I hope you make it.

Thanks for all of your good news items and I
have read with a great deal of interest your goals
for this new year 1942. Thanks also for your annual
report.

Cordially yours,

EBK:M₆E

January 22, 1942

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. Bert J. Bingle
College, Alaska

Dear Brother Bert:

Thank you for your interesting report of January 15th. I thoroughly sympathize with the uncertain conditions that you must be facing among not only the students but among the citizenship. There is not very much that can be done about this condition except for those of us who are in the Faith to be steadfast and strong. By example, I think we are going to be able to preach longer and more effective sermons than by words during these days.

Your suggestion about working out a course for the adults sounds interesting and I am quite sure that there is a real need for such a course. It might be better for you to work the course in with a Bible Study.

Cordially yours,

EBK:McE

College, Alaska.

Jan. 23, 1942..

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec'y
Alaska Work and S.S. Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Enclosed you will find a check for ten dollars. It was 2/3 of the amount that came in on that wood from Rev. Prouty. I have received communication from the Board that there has not been as many gifts coming in as they would like to have for this time in the year's receipts. I am glad to give this much now and if I can give some more at a later date I will. It seems that the Presbyterian World Emergency Comm. too has not received the gifts up to this date that they would like to have received, in fact it is very short. I hope to contribute a little there too. Our Presbytery was given quite a large sum to raise, I think we have not come up to one half of the figure yet.

I went down to Healy, below Nenana, on the last week end. I was surprised at the fine families down there, not so many but nice folks. I wish to go back this next week end and have service there on Friday evening returning to Nenana for Sunday services. There is sore need of pastoral work in those places. Nenana has a fine group of boys, no girls. (I should have said young men) They are almost beyond the reach of the church at this date, having had none all these years. I do not know yet how I can "break the crust" but I hope to have something accomplished with them before my opportunity may slip away. Some are bound to be called into the army soon.

Every little community must have a good fight each year to keep long healthy during the dark days of winter. Up here it is known as "cabin fever". Well, that is always the problem in ^{community} cooperative work. Best Wishes.

Sincerely

B. F. Bingle

COLLEGE, ALASKA
Feb. 12, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King, Secretary
of Alaska Work and S.S. Missions
156 Fifth Ave,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Yesterday I received a communication from Miss Ann Bannon of St. Lawrence Island and in that letter she suggests that I would come up to the Island this Spring instead of this Summer. The latter is so uncertain due to the war, boats they have many questions about. Since it is almost impossible to fly in in the months of May and June she suggests that I come on the mail plane right after the first of March and return on the plane right after the first of April. I have not yet heard for sure from Miss Stauffer, but I have a feeling it will work out alright with her as planes are going in there frequently and I can juggle either side of the Island trip if there is need for the same. Miss Bannon also stated that at Rev. Youel's coming he did not get to see many of the men's folks last Summer, and I hear thru remote control that they have been and will no doubt be working on the mainland somewhere again this Summer. Hence her suggestion would seem advisable.

Unless there is word to the contrary I shall plan accordingly, leaving somewhere around two or three weeks, unless going to Wales first. I am on schedule to go down to the lower coal mines first. Presbytery threw me all off, coming right at full moon time. I needed to go at that time, weather would be clear, I could travel nights on the snow when I needed to. Now the weather is moderated some and I will not get the full use of the moon if any. One has to watch for snow slides at all times. I am leaving in the morning.

If the above is agreeable to you would you send to me by check my allowance for the trip of \$500.00? I think the fares will cost slightly over \$400.00. That I will attempt to get lower if at all possible. Then I will be using quite a little on this trip I am going on right now, no less than \$50.00. If you could send that amount with the other so I will not be short on any cash in the case of necessity that will perhaps get me over any obstacle. The report for the \$50.00 will come in on the March 15th blanks. My report for the 15th of this month will be mailed to you by Mrs. Bingle, I will give her the information and she will forward the same. I will be gone from home that date and for some little time after.

Could Rev. Youel give you any idea, if you do not have the information there in the office, if there is electricity at Gambel, and if so what voltage? I thought if there was I not only could carry my electric razor but also me 2x2 slide machine. Both will work on AC or DC current. Would you have any church slides 2x2, in case there is electricity, that would be good for the work up there? If so would you forward them to me also at once?

In case all is clear for me to go write any suggestions you may wish for me or the work.

Sincerely, B. J. Bingle.

February 24, 1942

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. B. J. Bingle
College, Alaska

Dear Brother Bingle:

Enclosed you will find the Treasurer's receipt for the \$10. gift from B. J. Bingle, College, Alaska. Thanks.

Enclosed you will find also a check for \$500. to take care of your traveling expenses to St. Lawrence Island and to Wales, if it seems wise and advisable for you to visit Wales.

I have a letter from Miss Stauffer at Wales in which she very definitely says that she does not think it would be at all advisable for you to visit her this summer. She thinks that it might be well for you to be there around Easter time. You will, therefore, please clear with her about the visit.

In your visit to St. Lawrence you are going to run into some difficult situations that have developed because of the Seventh Day Adventists. You probably know more about that situation than I do. You will have to practice a lot of patience and do a whole lot of praying to keep yourself together but you had better go slowly.

The electric lights at Gambell are produced by a Delco plant so I cannot tell you about the current.

Now in regard to your practices in performing marriages, conducting funerals and baptising children - we have made a very definite policy among our Sunday School Missionaries that no missionary would perform any of these services on the field where there is an ordained Presbyterian minister. You can appreciate the wisdom of this ruling. A similar ruling has been made for the chaplains in the Army. Although the people may want you and it may be difficult for you to refuse I must insist that you carry out very carefully this policy. When you are asked to perform any of these services it will be much easier for you to place the blame for the refusal on the New York office than to carry it on your own shoulders.

I have read with a great deal of interest your little pamphlet THE ALASKA TRAIL BLAZER. I think it is unusually good. If you plan to publish it once a year I suggest that you publish it by the Unit of Sunday School Missions of the Board of National Missions and that you have it printed and use cuts. The cost would not be prohibitive and I am sure we could take care of that out of our budget. Please send me an estimate of the cost to print and publish the pamphlet. I shall be glad to try to include it in our next year's budget. Long we have felt a need for just such a thing as you

B. J. Bingle

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have originated. However, I think you could make it a Sunday School Missionary publication just as well as a publication for the National Missions Committee.

Cordially yours,

EBK:MoE

Enc.

Attention to Post Office of the
Northern Pacific Railroad,
200 Smith Tower, Seattle, Wash.

College, Alaska.
Feb. 27, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King
Secretary of Alaska Unit
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

I am having Mrs. Bingle send the enclosed application blank for the Western Clergy at the receipt of the next check. I am sending it via Earl Katz of the Northern Pacific for his signature. It must needs go thru your office as I have been transferred from the listing in the General Assembly minutes to this new work. Will you furnish a letter accordingly to the Western Clergy Bureau that there will be no mistake or hesitancy about my getting the certificate?

By the time you get this matter I should be well along on my visit to St. Lawrence Island.

*Write
Saddell
see R.R. 2nd
L.S.M.*

Sincerely,

B. J. Bingle

College, Alaska.
Feb. 27, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King,
Sec. of the Alaska Unit
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Your telegram has arrived. I am hoping the check to cover the travel will be along shortly as I had to cover the going with my savings as I had to leave so hurriedly, that is I will be doing so. We leave at seven in the morning to go to Nome via Deering. We will not leave Nome till Monday so that should give me Sunday in that town. I wish to thank you for your prompt reply.

I received a communication from Miss Stauffer and she tells me that she wrote you suggesting that if I did not get in there by Easter time not to come this year. I do not know what your decision is but by the looks of it, if the weather breaks favorably at all, I should be able to arrive about Good Friday. That was the day she had hoped for me to come. If you wish to write me about the matter you can get me at Nome in care of the Wein Airways. The mail planes go in and out of the Island on the first of each month. If you have further suggestions for me perhaps Mrs. Bingle could get word over to me via the Wein Airways Nome office.

I fixed out my first half of the monthly report, before leaving. It should be coming in on time. You will note in it that I was enabled with the good folks I have found in the respective places to organize two Sunday Schools. The fact is the people organized them themselves, I left the material as I had to move on and when I returned I found them organized. The Healy group is very encouraging. The Eska group is too. I have not been able to do all that I wish to do up at Eska but it will come. You will feel happy at the benevolent money I was enabled to raise this month besides collecting money for supplies that heretofore have been grants.

Would it be possible for you to send me about 20 copies of the little song book, Evangelistic and Worship Hymns? Everywhere I have gone I find that folks wish to have the books that I brought with me originally for their group. I have too small an amount at present for effective work.

I hope to write you from Nome.

Sincerely,

B. L. Bingle

Nome, Alaska

Wallace Hotel

Mar - 8 - 42

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
New York. N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Just a few words to tell you I am
stomach bound at Nome. Two days after
arrival we had perfect flying weather but
the Govt wanted some things from Anch-
orage to go in on that mail so they had
Priority & we lost opportunity. It is due for
a break soon, then we can go.

This above experience was what I feared
for this Summer, if I waited. The war
front is getting closer at all times with the
fall of each military objective in the
far East - or to the west of us. Rumors
are not what one dare base future thinking
on but trends are another thing. One thing
I think we can expect is - travel &
opportunities for one to make his own
decisions altogether will not be as
easy as it is at this date.

I have heard reports in this town

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That Miss Bannon has been ill. I do not know how much so but after I spoke with the pilot who was held there three days last time over I have concluded it is not something to be alarmed over, as she herself was not, but perhaps a statement and a desire by the 7 da. adventist group to hope that she would get the picture and they thru their 7 da. Adv. School teacher there could have ready access to a well churchd people. Miss Bannon spoke of it in her letter to me.

The next plane comes after April 1st. The next transportation in will be about July 1st. I will come out on that plane going to Wales, if you feel I should even tho I do not get there by Easter time as per her request, ie Miss Stauffer's.

If any matters need immediate attention on the Island I will get communication to you in the proper & best manner. With best wishes for you and yours, I am,

Yours sincerely,

B. F. Bingle.

THE ALASKA

TRAIL BLAZER



BY

THE NATIONAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE
OF THE YUKON PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH, U. S. A.

Greetings from
B. J. Bingle.

Editorial

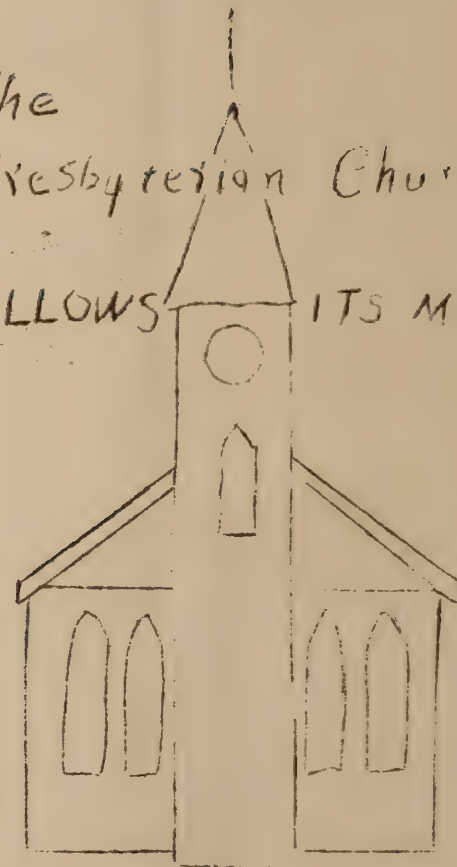
For some time it has been a dream on the part of some brothers of the Presbytery to get out a publication that would reveal the scope of the Presbyterian Church in South West Alaska. Not only does the work need to be told to the church at large and Alaska as well, but a certain importance of the work needs to be emphasized.

This paper is thence the first attempt to put down in writing the above dream. Just to what extent we covered the subject and fulfilled the purpose will be told by the reactions to our efforts, coming from those that read.

Robert Attwood, elder of the First Presbyterian Church at Anchorage, is responsible for the initial idea and the title. But do not blame him for the contents and the style. It is I, Rev. B. J. Bingle, now Sunday School Missionary for the Yukon Presbytery, having as my address College, Alaska. This community is located about five miles North of Fairbanks, Alaska.

As I am chairman of the National Missions Committee of the Yukon Presbytery this year, I, with the co-signature of the elder on this same committee, submit this first publication also as the annual report of the committee to Presbytery.

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Active Missionaries and Ministers of the Yukon Presbytery

Anchorage	First	---	Rev. Boyd G. Cabbage
Barrow	(Eskimo)	---	Rev. Fred Klerekoper
Cordova	First	---	Rev. David Crawford
Fairbanks	First	---	Rev. Roland Armstrong
Idena	Grace	---	(supply S.S. Missionary)
Julia	United Protestant	---	Rev. O. W. Randall

St. Lawrence Island

Amabel	(Eskimo)	---	Miss Anna Bannon
Avooorga	(Eskimo)	---	Miss Anna Martin
Winwright	(Eskimo)	---	Rev. Percy Ipsalock
Wes	(Eskimo)	---	Miss Emma Stauffer

Lt. Richardson

U. S. Army Chaplain--- Lt. Col. James L.
McBride

Ministers of Yukon Presbytery who have retired from work in Alaska but are doing promotional work for the Board of National Missions:

Rev. John E. Youel--formerly of Fairbanks
 Rev. Henry W. Greist M.D.--formerly of Barrow
 Rev. James H. Condit D.D.--formerly of Sheldon Jackson School at Sitka



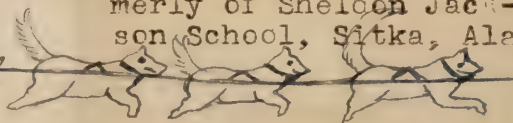
News Items

Rev. O. W. Randall of New Mexico is now added to our staff of ministers in the Yukon Presbytery as the latest recruit. His new work is in the Matanuska Valley. Rev.

Rev. O. W. Randall comes to us rich in experience from ministering to the ranchers of New Mexico. His work as Sunday School Missionary, as one to keep vacant churches moving forward till a regular pastor can be secured, as one who is experienced in Young People's Summer Conference work, and as one with others who promoted the Ranchmen's Evangelistic Camp Meeting fits him to serve in the new farm colony in Alaska. We wish him well.



Miss Anna Martin, formerly of Sheldon Jackson School, Sitka, Alaska



is now auxiliary missionary with Miss Ann Bannon on St. Lawrence Island. She is in charge of the newly organized field at Savoonga. She works as yet without adequate building or materials but her reports of personal visitation and instruction is most heartening. Her consecration to the task will secure many rewards from Christ in return.

Bad teeth made it necessary for Rev. Fred Klepekoper of Barrow, Alaska to take a trip to Fairbanks to see a dentist. His stay in Fair-

banks was about three weeks duration and in that time he was able to visit old friends and fraternize with other members of the Yukon Presbytery. We enjoyed having Fred down with us for a while.

During the same time of Rev. Klerekoper's presence in Fairbanks, Rev. Percy Ipsalock of Wainwright too was ill and was compelled to go to the hospital at Barrow. He is now back on his work as usual according to the last "snowshoe" report.

The second visit of Dr. Everett B. King, Sec. of Alaska work, came last August and September. He not only enjoyed Alaska at a very beautiful time of the year but he was able to get a good picture of our work in the North. Bad weather tied him up in Fairbanks for a number of days but he was not idle. A thorough look at Fairbanks and vicinity allowed him to formulate some good plans for the future of our work in Alaska.

The men on the field appreciate the coming of Dr. King from time to time. It allows them to know their leader, get his viewpoints as to the work. They welcome his suggestions and criticisms.

"When crew and captain love each other to the core

It takes a gale and more than a gale to put their ship ashore;

For one will do what the other commands, although they are chilled to the bone,
And both together they can sail through that neither can sail alone."



Rev. John E. Youel who had been missionary to Alaska under our Board for 16 years has retired from active Alaska work and is engaged in Promotional work for the Church. His last assignment was to Wales for a period of 6 months. Rev. Youel always had a constructive hobby, that of taking pictures. He has some rare shots both of the Arctic and of this section of Alaska. These, both still and movie surely assist him much in his present endeavor. Rev. Youel we congratulate you on a long and useful career in our midst. For many more years you can be fruitful for our work in the North.



Rev. B. J. Bingle, formerly of Palmer, Alaska, has been transferred to the work of Sunday School Missionary to the Yukon Presbytery. An unusual farewell was given the Bingle family at Palmer by his Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Anchorage. His new work

is general visitation outside and away from the established church areas. He is also to instruct children who live in non-churched communities in matters of religion through Sunday Schools, worship services, and Daily Vacation Bible Schools. Worship services are to be held for adults when groups can be brought together. Once each year he is to call at St. Lawrence Island and Wales Alaska to assist the missionaries there in the general work of the church.

INTERESTING THOUGHTS

Our first thought may not be so interesting but it is a grim reality. We need not repeat "Our nation is at war"--everyone is fully conscious of the fact. While the work of the church and the pastor increased during the last war, the work for both during this conflict will be coubled. Not only does the soldier need the attention of the Clergy, but the civilian population as well. The loss of nonbelligerents in this war is extremely great. Rev. Crawford writes from Cordova, "If ever we needed the church in Alaska it is now". His experience of parishioners needing to have a calm, collected, unafraid attitude is the experience of all of us in the work. It was John Wesley noticing the Quietude and peace of a Moravian while crossing the Atlantic in a severy storm that had much to do with his conversion. Folks need peace and quiet that comes in Jesus Christ today to weather our spiritual storm.

Where does that put us who are heralders of the message? In these days of stress the Government through the Civilian Defense, Red Cross, and other good agencies is asking much of our time. They need help; they too are on the quest of things spiritual as well as individuals. But somehow we must reserve our time for the spiritual part, eliminating the things others can do. Folks on the quest for spiritual food in this hour can never get the ear of the pastor if he is too occupied in temporal matters.

And just a word to the laymen. Do not demand too many temporal things from your pastor at this hour. His is the greater work which no one else can do. We travel this way but once.

SUMMER YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

This last Summer our fourth annual inter-denominational Young People's Conference was held at King's Lake in the Matanuska Valley. Each successive Conference has manifested a still greater spiritual Presence and significance than the preceding one, even though the first conference was the initial cause of new societies and good young people's work in the Territory. While the camp certainly can be improved from the physical standpoint yet the progenitor of this camp, who is myself, had the opportunity to compare the Alaska camp with the Idaho camp last year and it is concluded we have nothing to be ashamed of. Rev. Armstrong will be Dean of the Conference again this year.

The war will perhaps have some effect upon our camp, in attendance and perhaps in leadership. Before the war we were reasonably assured that rates on the Alaska Railroad would be the same as last year. We expect that even with the war the possibility of rates will become a certainty, however rates may have to fluctuate. Young people's societies in the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist churches should now begin preparing members to attend. A student this year is a student next year.

DID YOU KNOW?

That the First Presbyterian Church of Anchorage found it necessary to rebuild because it could no longer effectively carry on its work and accomodate those who wished to attend? Rev. Boyd G. Cabbage was the man of the hour. With his thought-provoking sermons, his constant contact with his people, his never ending search

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for the one who might avail himself of Divine Worship, and as one who is always certain that all details of his church fit into the general program he not only led his people to the point of rebuilding but their being able to build.

The rebuilding of the Anchorage Church is now an accomplished fact. It is with a small exception, thru arrangements with the New York office, built and PAID FOR. What a suggestion for the rest of us. This is now the second church in the Presbytery built without indebtedness, the first being in the Matanuska Valley. What a load that is off the backs of his parishoners. In the future, brethren, let us pay for things as we go. If we do not have the money in the bank for our desired building or alteration let us not go ahead till we do have. Anyone can spend money, it takes a man in the pulpit to raise it first.

And did you know that Juneau is not the only Presbyterian Church in Alaska that can boast of self-support? Fairbanks has now obtained that position. To take this step the Fairbanks church had to more than double its giving. What a step in Faith by the pastor and the membership that the Fairbanks church can but enjoys carrying its full financial obligations. That should be a challenge to the other pastors and churches of the Presbytery. But to do so we cannot spend our time and money on petty things, we must stay by the main issues. Congratulations to you Rev. Armstrong. The Board of National Missions appreciates you highly for your endeavor. We give you our right hand.

And did you know that most everywhere you to down the R. R. or about Cook Inlet you find former students or graduates of the Eklutna Vocational School (Indian and Eskimo). They are to a large extent giving a good account of their training. That speaks well of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. But it also speaks well of our Presbyterian Church, along with the Lutheran, Episcopal, and Catholic.

For the last five years each of those faithful have carefully looked after their respective memberships coming to the school from distant points. We have had some fine young folks from Barrow and Wainwright. They have been incorporated into the work and membership of the Palmer church. Rev. C.W. Randall is enthusiastically engaged in the task of caring for the spiritual interest of these young folks who will be the citizen tomorrow in some village or even the teacher in some school. Joseph Chandler, Supt. of the Eklutna School, is an elder in the Palmer church.

Again did you know that we believe that David Crawford has a unique pastorate just now? He is off by himself without much contact with other clergy which is so stimulating to any pastor. His people being off by themselves allow no contact with the other churches of the Presbytery which could be helpful to them. But now he has a dual responsibility for spiritual care. Cordova has a good ocean harbor, a large lake for winter plane landings, a good airport, and sea food for an invading host and nothing much bigger than a pup gun to defend it. What are his people thinking? David, you have our prayers that you care for your spiritual responsibility well.

What are some of our fellow clergy doing?

We understand via "snowshoe" that Rev. Knight, pastor of the Methodist Church at Seward chairman of the National Presbtery Conference of South Western Alaska, was down the Aleutian chain on his annual trip when the war broke out. Getting back was a problem. When he did arrive at Seward he found a town in which 1/3 of the business houses had burned and the town was enjoying an intense blackout.

Again we understand by the same wireless that Rev. A. J. Clements now of Seldovia, formerly of Seward, has put in his application for Chaplain in the navy. Rev. Clements was one of the first to help us organize the Young People's Conference of South West Alaska, being Dean the second year. His other effortstoward interdenominational work has been heartening. He is a good sailor and has been a pal to the men in the navy. We congratulate you for the volunteer enlistment. If you make it, and we hope you can, our prayers are going with you.

We have not heard from Charlotte Kendrick of Kodiak recently. She is missionary to the Baptist orphan home on the island. Her presence at our Young People's Conference last summer was most gratifying. She had hoped to have a group at the Conference next Summer. With the war on I am afraid things will be different. Her last letter reported a lovely church built in Kodiak and dedicated, with a noted response.

Rev. Ralph Wheeler, member of the Presbtery, is Chaplain at Fort Richardson, under the command of Lt. Col. McBride of the Presbtery. The men like the Chaplain very much and he is doing good work in connection with the new USO building in Anchorage.

A WORD OF FINANCES

The first eight months of this Church year, according to Dr. Merlyn Chappel, the amount of National Missions money contributed by this Presbytery was \$43.02. During the same time the year previous we gave the sum of \$144.29. No doubt we have given more but since it goes thru the Central Receiving Agency it takes a little longer time to be recorded. But it is increasingly evident that this year we as a Presbytery have not kept up our benevolent giving. The report for the Presbyterian World Emergency Committee records the fact that we have not done as much there.

Does the present day conditions tend to make us be assured that we are compelled to one of two things with the unchristian world about us, we either must Christianize it or fight it? Let us go at the task of Christianization harder than ever before! Let us give more to our church Boards!

A WORD OF MEMBERSHIP

You say it is Christians you want to make instead of Church members. Right you are, but if you have new additions to your church that will be evidence that you have caused folks to become Christians. We are confronted with a problem in Alaska by folks who wish to retain their church letter in the states, they are not permanent here. That is discouraged. Why not make use of that membership--why not carry out the suggestion made by the United Protestant Conference and make those members feel that they are still members of a church? What about the reports to be returned to the National Committee on that subject?

WE DEDICATE THIS
PAGE TO
THE MEMBERSHIP AND
PASTOR OF
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Thanking you for the lovely entertainment
and joyous hospitality shown our Yukon Pres-
bytery during its annual meeting in Feb. 1942.



Chairman of National Missions Committee

Rev. B. J. Bingle

Elder Committee member

Einar Tonseth

Mme. Claverie

Mar. 7th 42

Dr. Everett B. King
126 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. King?

We expect to put off for

the island this morning.

The weather is good everywhere
but no signals are coming.

from the island - We will
attempt to see if it is still there.

Will write as soon as
return

Sincerely,

B. J. Single.

March 17, 1942

AIR MAIL

Rev. Mr. B. J. Bingle
College
Alaska.

Dear Bingle:

I suppose at this time you are on the Isle of St. Lawrence. I envy you. That is a place that I have wanted to visit, but every time I have had an opportunity the weather man has been against me.

Your visit to the Island will, no doubt, do a great deal of good in straightening out the difficulties that are promising to cause trouble. I shall await with a great deal of eagerness your detailed and full report from this visit.

According to your request, we are sending twenty copies of the little song book, "Evangelistic and Worship Hymns." I hope that they will reach you in good shape.

Cordially yours,

EBK:HH

College, Alaska
Mar. 29/42

Dr. Everett B. King
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. King: -

I expect that this finds
Bert out on the Island
helping with the work that
those brave devoted women
are carrying on. We certainly
have to take our hats off to
them.

We have been getting
long very nicely trying to
keep the home fires burning.
For some reason or other
the March salary check has
failed to make its appearance.
Wonder if you would make

inquiry for me as to its whereabouts. If it has been sent within the last few days so that this letter passes it enroute, please ignore this one and thanks for the trouble.

What are the initials and address of the Pedigo family in St. Louis where you stayed last year during Assembly? We wanted to send them a card at Christmas but recalled that there were several families by that name in St. Louis.

We are hoping that the Allies force keep the Japanese busy where they are so they will have no time to

even think of Alaska.

I am glad that the Cabbages
are going to fly to the South.
They will be up there here
right after Easter.

I am glad that we had
such a delightful vacation
trip last year.

Most sincerely

Mabel Bingle

College, Alaska.
Apr. 23, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
Alaska work and S.S. Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Enclosed you will find some reports that I do not know if originals arrived at your office or not. I am in doubt about the procedure that was carried out here-to-fore. I sent some into the office and I received a note back saying that some were duplicates and others were not. Shortly before my leaving on the extended trip which began Feb. 13 with the exception of one day I received some of the reports. Others I received since I left. *Three months mail came in Feb.*

I feel that I am guilty of holding these up, thinking they were duplicates. I surely have no right to feel ill, and I have not a few times in the past 14 years, for someone else making mistakes on the reports, or their not too much efficiency in business. I feel I have made the prize "bonnyer" and I hereby offer my apology. I feel I should apologize to others for any harsh thoughts I might have had. On the island I found I surely must have made a mistake.

Since I returned last night I put the report out to you, and I must say I did a poor job of typewriting. My hands did not want to go to the right keys at all, I felt you were waiting so long I tried to hurry it too much. -- At the conclusion of the report I went to town at which time I called on Miss Bannan and Rev. and Mrs. Armstrong. Rolland agreed with me that I did the right thing about Miss Martin as he passed on all the information he had and he was concerned about it himself. The method of communication at the other end, due to signals ^{not} getting thru and the many other complications, some of which are censorship, makes one feel lucky anything came thru in time at all. This being the last mail plane and the next one would have cost Miss Bannan perhaps \$400.00, I think we should be thankful that we made out alright as we did. That is just a little taste of what transportation is going to be from now on, getting things in and off that island. Rolland and I were talking this eve and we both feel that getting supplies into our missionaries may be a tedious affair. Someone at Seattle who has that in charge must have some idea of boats by this time, better than we do. No slip up dare be had and the earlier one gives the shipping firm information the better because space will be at a high premium coming North to the Arctic.

Our very best wishes go to each and all of you.

Sincerely,

B. J. Bingle

WORK OF SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARY
-Yukon Presbytery.

College, Alaska.
Apr. 23, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
Alaska Work and S.S. Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York. N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Your letter regarding the report on St. Lawrence Island has been received and I wish to say that with equal enthusiasm I am glad to give the same. The experience was certainly unique in my life, a rare addition. My waiting for two weeks to get from Nome over to the island was not all lost time. It gave me a good acquaintance about Nome, conditions there and also knowledge of transportation. My awaiting for 16 days to get a plane to get off the island was certainly not wasted either. Business went on as usual, had more meetings with the people, more Bible study, more indoctrination into why we do so and so, and more consecration. I attempted to corral the young people about the church, working off some of my penned up ambition. The Adults of the community usually let the youth drift as they will, not providing too large a place for them in the community life. I tried by example and admonition to ask for them a larger place. At one prayer service I asked for a general response to more effectiveness for Christ, a question that ordinarily would make for only partial response. They all responded. Then I asked those to remain that wanted special prayers with the officers of the church. 17 young people, including two boys, and no less than 10 more adults remained. The spiritual feast was good, even for myself.

As you know the method of transportation, living conditions etc. I will make no attempt to say more about the same. Since the island is considered quite in the war- or possible war- zone the government has asked that one refrain from mentioning anything that could be used by an enemy to give encouragement for using the island. They are particularly concerned about the present- the Japanese have ^{gathered} full information about the island in the summer. They are making surveys, and taking pictures there each fishing season. The boats used are very large too. I saw a movie of one taken there last summer. That surely does not give an easy feeling to the whites on the island. I want to say that our workers have a very wholesome and lovely attitude and calm in the matter.

I received your communication regarding the religious difficulty that has arisen on the island. I want to say that the whole thing is most disgusting, but one that requires careful handling. You see when anyone has the feeling that they and they alone have a private wire to God that persons or persons are potential harmmakers. Those concerned are very good teachers. They are clean and are a source of great helpfulness to the people on the island. Some teachers are ^{in the north} the opposite, the conduct surely is nothing to brag about. All the teachers are superb when it comes to conduct, - all those on the island.

There is another matter on the same subject- that is regarding the school that we use for church purposes at Laramie. It is the school that has been

such a wonderful search organization possible as we have in that village. It will not be possible for some time to go better there, we may even have to go again. The other buildings there are so much smaller that the good work carried on by Miss Martin at that point would surely be neglected. If we are too insistent that the letter of the law be followed in regard to Campbell that we might also lose out at Bayouge by asking us to adhere to the letter of the law.

There still is a third thought regarding the subject. Never before have the Eskimo there on the island asked themselves seriously-"Why do I believe so and so". Now they are asking the question. The fact is, most of the time spent on the island, 32 days, was trying to give them a reason for the faith that was within them. I do believe I did get somewhere with my instructions. One dealing with such a people without the background of the "white man's" thinking just get down to just a few thoughts and stay by them. When I arrived there was a general tendency for a number of the church officers to be listening to the 7 day teaching. Miss Bannan's long battle was a hard one. She did a marvelous job of it too. But when Miss Martin added her part, saying the same thing, and I came along and said the same thing again, it gave the membership and officers confidence that the first teacher was telling the truth and breaking the word rightly. So you see indirectly it has turned out to be helpful, that is if Miss Bannan can get back on the job there within a short time. So far not the best church members went. One Siberian who has a background of witchcraft- and also some one said two wives, went over.

A fourth statement, and that is final, on the subject and that is we are very much indebted to the school teacher for being able to stay on the island with our missionaries this last Winter. When the supplies arrived in from the states there was no coal for the house at Campbell, or fuel oil for heating. By carefully using coal that was left over from the previous winter Miss Bannan was able to get along for the cooking. But the heating was different. Fuel oil was picked up in Nome. When it arrived it was of such composition that Miss Bannan could not use it at all, it was for furnaces, not for a parlor heater. The teacher then traded her 27 drums of good oil so she could remain on the island last winter and not go out. But then he had his problem. The first 5 drums opened was more the nature of oil drained from caterpillar tractors, thick, heavy, and full of grit. One day it put his fire out 8 times. He had to discontinue using it, thinking maybe he could burn it this coming summer. I looked at one drum, it was much better but the container being old would still make problems for him. Hence in a large way we are indebted to those that we would certainly feel should still improve in life.

There is the matter now concerning the return of Miss Bannan. I have not yet seen Rolland, I do not know anything about the matter. Miss Bannan has been to see the doctor I understand. The doctor will give the report. But Dr. King, I am convinced if Miss Bannan goes back only doing one half of what she has been doing that she still will do better than a new comer going to the island in this time of world condition and local problems. When she left she was carrying her work very nicely, with considerable ease, looking better by far than when I arrived. I feel that most of the rumors I heard in Nome and before going from here were of a Seven Day Adventist origin. I wrote Rev. Armstrong such from Nome. The field representative who is now at Nome has and is creating more trouble than the teachers. He sends out literature- if you can call it such- to each family on the island. He does not sign his name. The material received the family will then go to the teacher with questions.-- I do feel that Miss Bannan has much left in her yet and she should still continue with the work. That is my report and my recommendation. I will not say more about this part of the case as I have not yet had any communication with anyone on the matter, or talked with even Miss Bannan since she arrived.

I want to say a word about Miss Martin. She is doing a very good work. I think it would be tragic to lose her from Savoonga if you can possibly keep her there this coming year. The fact is, I do believe she should not be lost at all from the staff of mission workers up there. She will be valuable timber in years to come, she is beloved by everyone.

In this connection I want to report what I did. To do so I will give a background. One day while awaiting the plane which did not get there for 16 days after it was supposed to do so the school teacher received a communication from the C.A.A. office that Miss Bannan was to proceed on the first plane to Fairbanks. He gave me the word. I told Miss Bannan. Where it came from I did not know. I learned thru the station call letters that it came via Weins Airways, also thru Al Polet of Mirrows. I wired Al for the source and the cause. I received no reply. It was thought it might be government evacuation. I then wired Rolland. Two days later Miss Bannan received a wire from Rolland telling her to come, no cause given or for how long, but a letter would be on the plane. Well the plane never stops its motors. It drops the mail and picks up the other and goes to Nome. I wired again and then received a word that Miss Bannan alone was included and she would be returned if health permitted.

I had no time to get instruction to Miss Martin. I had no knowledge if instructions were to go to her from the same source. I did know that I had a major seven Day Adventist problem right there at Gambell with the teachers being the exponents of the religion and they also the only source of communication. I knew I further had somewhat a problem of possible evacuation in case of war getting close. That is not phantom in those peoples' minds on the island. But the fact that I had to face that I, the Board, or anyone one else could ever get Miss Martin to Gambell from Savoonga for about two months after the snow became soft for sled purposes and the ice still moved back and forth in the Bering Sea. So- to avoid any complications later, and to care for the immediate problem of that church, and it was rumored the Seven Day field representative was going to come in, I notified Miss Martin to proceed to Gambell and hold down the work there till Miss Bannan returned or there was word to the contrary, she being properly relieved. As I said- I had no authority to do as I did, I do not know whether I crossed your plans or not, but I did see two months of impossible travel, saw a religious and church complication, also saw a remote yet perhaps a military problem--- as no planes can land at Savoonga and the two towns are 50 miles apart-- So I had Miss Martin to come to Gambell. I shall await word from you as to my wisdom or lack of basis for procedure.

After 16 days waiting, signals dead and not knowing when a plane would show up, an army transport showed up with Col. McBride on it. Col. McBride, Chaplain of our armed forces in Alaska and member of our Presbytery, spoke to the commanding officer and he took me with him to Anchorage. Miss Bannan did get away that very afternoon- but there was no way of knowing that he was coming for us. He never travels without signals. While Miss Stauffer wished me to come on to Wales I felt I could better double back from Anchorage better than awaiting on the island to get there. I missed that opportunity as the first plane was loaded and I did not know a second one was to come in that day. I have enough money to make the trip back up there. I am writing Miss Stauffer asking if I should still come, going the last of next month. What do you think of going back up to finish up the work if Miss Stauffer still thinks I am not too late? By going to Anchorage I was able to care for some work down there that very much pressing me. I have a fine S.S. going at the Eska Coal mine and had a good church worship at the Evans Jones Coal mine. I was also able to confer with authorities at Fort Richardson as desired by those on the island. On separate paper is an outlined report. I will send in my monthly blank, giving my expense acct. later.

WORK AT GAMBELL:

A strong church membership

- departments well made up and organized.
- functions in all departments.

Building Adequate

- auditorium for worship is good, a wonderful improvement by the missionary
- church uses one room in school building for S.S. purposes.
- school uses one room in church for school purposes- beginners

Person of Missionary

- lovely piece of work, has had good training and is giving good instruction on
- has been ill last Winter due to flue, also one fall in snow
- at present much better, she wants to finish her years of service
- feel it would be injurious to change if it is possible for her to return
- she is very well liked, she understands the "skimo, better at this time than any one else.

Problem of Missionary Equipment

- last year important items of fuel not arrive as planned, also food
- only helpfulness of school teacher allowed her to stay on island
- this year with the war on the purchaser at Seattle must see that all items required get on the boat and get to the island. There will be no substitutes with the reserve supplies gone for the next year.

Problem of competitive religion

- Seven Day Adventist, coming thru traveling missionaries mostly, also school
- the S.S. meets each Saturday
- number leaving our church has been on the increase, not best ones though.
- plus side, it is making our members think and act better than before.
- day of isolation of island is over, must give reason for faith, more and different competition will come from now on. Must meet it by adequate missionaries and adequate program.
- As we must live together on small island, and each can only live by the helpfulness of another, somehow we must be able to get along.

Problem of war

- this problem the same as all coast line in Alaska. No one believes the trouble too close but both eyes are being kept open.
- the problem of getting in supplies has to be carefully watched.
- if fortifications go in- which is very unlikely- it might be that we should increase our personnel
- also watchfulness in case of needed evacuation. My contact with the forces of Fort Richardson and the commercial agents at Nome gives me assurance of adequate care if unexpected arrives.

WORK AT SAVOONGA:

Similar to Gambell

- type of work, personnel excellent
- war problem same, no air field at Savoonga however.

Missionary in charge

- Capable, energetic, responsible, well liked, good Christian, good work
- she needs to be kept at Savoonga, also added to staff of workers
- salary should be adequate, prices are going much higher
- since she labored without salary, the fuel should not be paid for by missionary, something in the neighborhood of seventy dollars. This she is not aware I am writing.
- incase of needed withdrawal as other workers the same provisions should apply as to other missionaries, she being willing to remain another year.

The Board of National Missions and the Sec. of Alaska work needs to be complimented for having such good workers in the remote and isolated place. The future will ever proceed as the past with such personnel. Thank you for my unusual opportunity. Sincerely,

B. J. Bingle

April 25, 1942

Mrs. Mabel Bingle,
College,
Alaska

Dear Mrs. Bingle:

The check was sent from our office on March 6th. I suppose it was delayed in the mails. However, we are making it a policy to send our checks and most of our mail to Alaska via airmail. I sincerely trust it has arrived without any undue discomfort to you.

Mr. J. D. Pettigo, 501 Clarion St., St. Louis, Mo., is the name of the party where we had our little social meeting while you were in St. Louis. I know they will appreciate hearing from you. Mr. Pettigo has not been well recently.

I have just received a card from the Cabbages that they have arrived safely in the States and are en route to Ohio.

I am looking forward to seeing them in Milwaukee.

I trust the gentleman has returned safely from his adventure to St. Lawrence Island and Wales. I am sure he has a story to tell.

Cordially yours,

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SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARY OF YUKON PRESBYTERY

COLLEGE, ALASKA - APRIL 1942

Dear Friends:

While outside last summer I found many of you particularly interested in one phase of our work which is new--my trip to the westward where I can look straight at one of our nation's allies himself. Well, that which was a remote possibility has now been a fact accomplished. I want to say the sun setting back of those "other world" mountains surely made that country a lovely glow--it was red too. Also the sun rising against those mountains made them all stand out in splendor.

As I was a considerable distance from our North American shore line I, with the few other whites at this place, felt very much isolated and uncertain. This war has never made anyone feel too much at ease in this section of the world. This is very true of this one spot. One feels his mind constantly flitting back to the thought--what would be the best possible way of escape in case of enemy approach, also how best could I leave a scorched earth? Also one relies more on the Heavenly Father in those hours than at any other time. I have become a better Presbyterian with the philosophy, "what is to be, will be".

As mail is to pass censor and we have been given instruction, I must refrain from mentioning dates and places. Anything written is for yourself and in no way to become a matter of publicity. I feel not only a cooperativeness with the government is an essential of my religion, but is the means of giving more safety to those I love who live at such remote spots.

I want to mention, however, that on this 2000 mile trip to and from Fairbanks, I went by dog team, auto, train and plane. The first I enjoyed, but the "airpockets" that the sled hit on the miles of trail were slightly sharp. The north wind was intensely cold. I never had on more clothes in my life and still I crawled in my bed roll, then froze my nose. En route we came to a little settlement where a man took us into a house, without fire but a wind break, where we could eat our lunch. He left, I asked our driver where he was and the answer came, "out of doors." He was out there keeping warm; they always stand outside all the day. What a different world!

My trip by plane was not without incident. We encountered one snow storm and had to put down on a river bed where there was an improvised field. This was not so good. We found a lovely native home close by and what a cook that wife and mother was! The house was modern in every respect, clean and painted. Some say education is bad for the aborigines but I was surely happy that those folks had had plenty of it. On my return by another route I came over territory about which I said years ago "I never want to be caught over those." The high mountains that we admire from ordinary level did not look high at all up there--but they did look sharp.

As to my work--I will again not say too much as it might be cut out. I will say that I did enjoy that new and different people. My arrival was Sunday noon just as worship was completed. Everyone came out to greet the missionary. I was escorted to our mission and in a short time another service was on the docket. What gripped me was how those strange people could sing the Lord's songs in a strange land. I enjoyed singing those same songs when I was a lad back in Ohio. Now here, so far away, with people that converse in a strange

tongue. I enjoyed those songs of old. In the thirty-two days on the Island I had the same experiences over and over.

The Eskimo has a deeply mystical as well as spiritual life. In the long hours of travel I had the opportunity of hearing an experience of prayer. The one who transported me had a certain habit he wanted to get rid of. His life was shackled and impotent. Time after time he could not find rest or sleep when on long trips from home. One day he just had to pray. As he went by himself and fell on his knees he obtained the victory. When he returned home to tell his folks, he learned that at the same hour his brothers and sisters were on their knees praying for him. He then related how later his old mother, with a background of pagan ways, was won over to Christ the same way.

This habit and experience of a deep prayer life I felt all through my visit. When prayer is given either in English or in the native tongue everyone is attentive to the last man or woman with many "amens" at the close. Seriousness pervades all thoughts and motives. Christ is consulted for most every detail. Commemoration of the Lord's Supper in our Christian Church is an event which makes one deeply meditative. How could I transmit that same feeling and experience to those who but recently heard of that sacrament of our church and only twice participated? How could I get the Elders to distribute the elements with devotion and dignity? Lest I confuse I did not give many instructions beforehand, but step by step as we proceeded I told them quietly what to do. This together with their good sense of reasoning made our Communion a spiritual feast. At one of the villages the young people has a special hymn. The day school teacher played on the organ. As the pupils sang and as the teacher participated in the Lord's Supper one could see tears come to her eyes. She, too, was having a spiritual feast, even tho with another race of people so far to the North, so far to the West, just like she used to experience back in Texas.

But the climate is not always constant and always pleasant in such places. The morning we had communion in one village the snow blew to a gale. Park hoods were saturated with moisture in going a very short distance. Visibility was certainly small. This meant that mothers with small babies and old people could not get out to church that morning. So twelve babies were baptized in their own homes and no less than fifteen people were served communion after church that morning. Hence the total program for that particular day was Communion service, young people's meeting, officers meeting--both trustees and elders visitors at the manse for special inquiry and visitation of no less than twenty homes for Communion or baptism or both.

A similar experience could be related concerning our Easter Sunrise Service for the Young People's Christian Endeavor in a second village. Snow was coming down so thick that again visibility was registering zero. Thirty-one young folks showed up for that service and the spiritual fellowship revealed that they were amply repaid. At the call for volunteer prayers the response was so rapid and full of fervor, that we remained much longer than we anticipated. I can yet hear one young man pray who came in from a point some sixty miles away with his father and sisters for the week I was to be in the village. His prayer in the native tongue revealed a father who had given his children good Christian training. That father and three older children I received into church membership, baptising two smaller ones besides. What a deep feeling went over me as I baptised those elderly Eskimo who had given their hearts and lives to Christ!

Another experience I had in a prayer service reveals both response and consecration. After the sermon which about two-thirds understood in my language and had to be regiven through an interpeter I asked those who wished to give their hearts and lives to Christ in a more consecrated and devoted way than ever before to hold up their hands. No less than 80 per cent of the one-hundred and thirty present held up their hands. Again I put the question so there would be still greater searching of heart and life by asking those that desired special prayers to cast out sin and accept Christ to remain after the service to pray with the officers of the church. At that invitation fifteen young women, two young men and ten older men stayed for special prayer. As I learned to know the past modes of living of the folks of the North I could see the heart yearning of those young people, particularly the young women, to get closer to Christ and have the power and ability to discontinue the old customs which they now know to be sinful in their lives. The young women signed their names on a piece of paper and each day we are to remember each other in prayers.

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The Eskimo has a deeply mystical as well as spiritual life. In the long hours of travel I had the opportunity of hearing an experience of prayer. This one who transported me had a certain habit he wanted to get rid of. His life was shackled and impotent. Time after time he could not find rest or sleep when on long trips from home. One day he just had to pray. As he went by himself and fell on his knees he obtained the victory. When he returned home to tell his folks, he learned that at the same hour his brothers and sisters were on their knees praying for him. He then related how later his old mother, with a background of pagan ways, was won over to Christ the same way.

This habit and experience of a deep prayer life I felt all thru my visit. When prayer is given either in English or in the native tongue everyone is attentive to the last man or woman, with many "amens" at the close. Seriousness pervades all thoughts and motives. Christ is consulted for most every detail. Commemoration of the Lord's Supper in our Christian Church is an event which makes one deeply meditative. How could I transmit that same feeling and experience to those who but recently heard of that sacrament of our church and only twice participated? How could I get the Elders to distribute the elements with devotion and dignity? Lest I confuse I did not give many instructions before hand, but step by step as we proceeded I told them quietly what to do. This together with their good sense of reasoning made our Communion a spiritual feast. At one of the villages the young people has a special hymn, the day school teacher played on the organ. As that teacher's pupils sang and as she participated in the Lord's Supper one could see tears come to her eyes. She too was having a spiritual feast, even tho with another race of people, so far to the North, so far to the West, just like she used to experience back in Texas.

But the climate is not always constant and always pleasant in such places. The morning we had communion in one village the snow blew to a gale. Parky hoods were saturated with moisture in going a very short distance. Visibility was certainly small. This meant that mothers with small babies and old people could not get out to church that morning. So twelve babies were baptized in their own homes and no less than fifteen people were served communion after church that morning. Hence the total program for that particular day was Communion service, young people's meeting, officers meeting - both trustees and elders, visitors at the manse for special inquiry and visitation of no less than twenty homes for Communion or baptism or both.

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Our task was also to give a reason for the faith within as there are now competitive religions moving into this area. It is my conviction that I did at least fair as to that, thanks to my school days at Naperville Ill. Young people at this place are in large quantities. They enjoy life considerably. I gathered them at the mense on various occasions. They enjoyed it, so did I. We held a sunrise service on Easter Sunday, that was stimulating. There were too many for baptism at our baptismal service so I took them by families as much as possible. Serving communion to those people was unique for me again, but for a strange people I feel they received much from the same. The response to a special dedication to Christ was also worthy of note.

In true native fashion I was sent home with many presents from the people. I treasure every one. One of the elders of the church said before I left, "You bring your wife up- be missionary to our people". His eyes dropped down as I told him I could not that I had a daughter in highschool and I had to stay near a town. He really meant what he had said. That to me was a compliment for my endeavors for Christ.

Best wishes to each and all of you. The family sends greetings also.

Sincerely,

Rev. B. J. Bingle

Nordale Hotel

Fairbanks, Alaska



College, Alaska
April 28, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Enclosed is the financial report as well as
work report from Feb. 28th to present date. It
is made thus to give a detailed statement as
to the \$500.00 allotted for the St. Lawrence in-
trust. I have one item yet to fully pay - the
total expense for my trip of Missions to the Island.
I sent a check but I think it is more. They did
not know exactly when I left so no definite tariff
had been sent. Until such time I will keep the
remainder in the fund in a separate checking
account, it should be settled soon.

You will note that the present balance
is \$234.47. With what is left after all bills
are paid I should have a substantial amount
to still go to Wales if it is your opinion

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I should do so. My return via Anchorage
only increased the cost slightly should I still
visit Wale. If I do not go I save much
money. It also could for my work on the
Anchorage end. By refusing to come on the
first available transportation it could have
cost me many more days or weeks as the
weather did give evidence of changing rapidly
not the worse. I have written Miss Stauffer
for her opinion of a visit the last of May - or
in about 3 weeks time.

Again I will enclose another letter
which is a general statement of the trip.
I wrote it as is so it would pass
the censor. They are very particular, which
I think is good.

My Esko & Jonaville coal mine work
on the Anchorage end is encouraging. The
turn over up here in the gold mine area has
been much. I will again have to start with a
fresh group. The A.P. are P.R. things. Sincerely, B. B. Bingle

April 30, 1942

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. B. J. Bingle
College, Alaska

Dear Friend Bingle:

I read your report of the visit to St. Lawrence Island with a great deal of interest. Seemingly the weather man had a part to play in helping with a constructive work there that otherwise you might not have been able to do.

I think you did wisely in asking Miss Martin to spend the time in Gambell during the absence of Miss Bannan. No definite commitment has yet been made about what Miss Bannan is to do. I have written to Armstrong stating that it would be my opinion that the wisest course to follow could be decided by Miss Bannan and himself. I certainly would hate to see Miss Banna leave but I do not want to jeopardize her health in any way.

I do not think the letter you wrote is quite suitable to send out as a missionary letter, so I would like for you to prepare a missionary letter giving some of your experiences on St. Lawrence Island and send it to me as soon as possible. I have have mimeographed copies made of it and send them to your supporters.

I do not think it wise for you to try to plan to go back to Wales. Miss Stauffer in the beginning was not over anxious for you to make the visit and due to the fact that it will necessitate pretty heavy expense, I think it would be unwise and unfair for you to make the journey. You will please, therefore, make an itemized statement of the expenses incurred in the trip to St. Lawrence and then refund the balance.

Some time ago, I mentioned the fact that I would like for you to have your publication printed in place of mimeographing it as you did on the first issue. I said to you that we would be willing to underwrite the cost if it was not prohibitive. So far I have not heard anything from you about your plans. I am still of the opinion that it would be well worth while to make this investment in a printed publication, originating with the Sunday School Missionary in Yukon Presbytery. It would be a promotional material that would be most valuable. So please do not overlook this request and write me as soon as possible what the cost would be and whether or not you think the plan is practical.

Cordially yours,

May 5, 1942

Rev. Mr. E. J. Bingle
College, Alaska

Dear Friend Bingle:

As I said in my other letter I think it wise that you cancel all plans to visit Wales and accordingly you will refund the balance that you have in the bank from the trip to St. Lawrence. I suspect that we will need that balance before the year is over.

Since you have become a Sunday School Missionary in Yukon you are supported by various individuals. I wonder who you are sending the letters to, such as the one that you sent to me. I think it would be very wise for you to send me the letters and let me have them mimeographed here in New York and then I can place them in the hands of the people that you are supported by.

Cordially yours,

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College, Alaska.
May 6, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec'y
Alaska Unit and S.S. Missions
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Enclosed you will find the material desired for the general letter to those that support this work. You will note that I added to that which I wrote in a general letter to my family out in the States and a few peoples I had to get some mail off to immediately. You already have a copy of the same.

Since my return I have been attempting to get the business and financial end of the report out to you, care for a few personal things about the house, get some wood in, do some work on my car so I could have the greatest service from it, also care for the Sunday Schools and worship services I had going before I left. Hence I have been gone from home part of the time.

But that is not the only reason I am late with giving you the inclosed paper. Bob Attwood of the Anchorage Daily Times asked me to send him some material from the island. I did and received a great rebound from the government censor. Bob received the same but after some discussion was able to print the matter, hence it was not all news content that cause the reaction. What bothered me now was what to put in such a letter knowing that it would be used more or less as publicity material. I care not for another rebound, too I care for the protection of the same folks that the government wants to protect. -- That in the main was why I did not prepare a special letter as the above. If the inclosed goes thru without any being cut out then you can be assured it has passed inspection alright.

You have by this time received an account of how the funds have been expended up-to-date. I have two bills yet to be fully paid. One is the rest of the plane trip from Nome to the Island. I wrote for a bill after sending him \$75.00. Rolland and I both thought I should pay a full round trip fare there so as not to get those in bad that picked me up. Next time they may let me stay there, particularly if the company puts in an objection to the army. The answer to the inquiry has not yet been received. The other bill is for a telegram I sent to Rolland regarding Miss Bannan.

As I have been very short of funds to operate the work on I had to use funds from the same source for my recent trips to Chatanika, Ester, Healy and Nenana. I will also have to use more of them till I get my check at the end of the month. I do not want to borrow money. So when I get the Nome bill which should be within the next two weeks I will send you an accounting in addition to the other one, with the remaining funds.

It will be necessary for my daughter Vella to have an operation on her knee the last of next week. She fell on the ice and injured the cap. It has been bothering for some time and will not respond to treatment. That again will take extra funds I have kept back for operating expenses. I hope I can make out and care for the many things that must be cared for in a work such as this at this time of the year.

By the act of censor I will again be prohibited from giving all on a report that should go on. But I will say this much- it seems evident, almost too fantastic for belief, that there will be much construction going ahead with in this section of the territory within the next year, if not quite a little yet this Summer. If such materializes our work in the North, Yukon Presbytery, may be greatly enlarged as well as temporarily added to. That will for the present effect the U.S. Missionary, adding to his work, if construction is undertaken. You may wish to know this as plans for time ahead may be thought of right now. Some ~~enough~~ time later definite statements should be given, perhaps you will learn from that end before I can know here.

Within the next four weeks I hope to be able to visit mining camps north toward Circle, and South - Richardson Highway for at least two weeks, visiting the camps, some mines, also villages. Then I return from these two sections I hope to be able to go to the Anchorage end and if possible to get to Whittier, the new terminal on the Alaska Railroad, to do so.

Yours sincerely,

B. J. Bingle

P.S. I wrote Bob Attwood asking about price for publication as requested. He will do it much cheaper and better there than it can be done up here. When his answer arrives I will forward the same.

B.J.B.

Work of Sunday School Missions
Yukon Presbytery

College, Alaska
May 8, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
Alaska United S.S. Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Today's news over the radio announced that which I had reference to in my last letter to you about certain construction which may be a possibility up here, having perhaps a certain pull for our work in the Presbytery. The news item stated that appropriations had been made to survey a railroad leading through Canada from the United States to Alaska. From all accounts that is not to be a remote possibility. You can imagine such a construction cutting across the heart of our work up here in this Presbytery calling forth some harder efforts on the part of the Sunday School Missionary to care for religious needs in areas such as we were hearing of at Baltimore Synod last Summer. I just had time to speak a few words to Miss Bannon about it before she left. You may get more from her at the Assembly. At any rate I shall keep my eye upon it and report to you from time to time as news releases come to us.

∴ If such develops I will be in the need of certain material to give to the many concerned, as I am in the need of the same now, which will cause them to continue, or again start, or make an initial effort in personal devotion. The Today magazine is the most helpful to anything I know, particularly for the person with a certain amount of advanced schooling. The Home Department magazine makes a good second. Would it be out of the question for you to send me yet 12 copies of the Home Department Quarterly for this present quarter and be sure to have the same number come to me for the third quarter? I will send for some copies of the Today - they cost money and I wish there was another way out - and I am sure that such material will assist in the reaching the many people I meet all the time who have a Christian background and have neglected their devotions because they have not been in touch with the church in any way. At Jancerville, Lutanika, and Kealy I find those that are reading their Today or quarterly regularly as I have found opportunity to give the same to them. Some are aying for them.

Again I am hoping to get some Daily Vacation schools already in June. In one town there should be no less than 18 folks concerned, the remaining three or four places about Seach. Mrs. Brigle will keep me as arranged when you were here last autumn. Will you see that I get needed material

for the above. It will have to be simple, those
children have not had much background
in Christian instruction. The first few
grades in school are about the highest concerned

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College, Alaska
May 15, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
Alaska Work and S.S. Missions
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Enclosed you will find the letter that Robert Attwood wrote regarding the S.S. Mission publication. You will note that it is not so great as it cost me to publish my little booklet some years ago. The size he mentions is the size of the mimeographed publication I sent to you originally. If you wish to have it published will you airmail me a letter promptly as I may go down that way very shortly and if so I can work it over considerably before giving it to Bob finally and I believe greatly improve the same. Then I should have it there while at Anchorage so I can proof read the same if they could get it out in the meantime.

I will go to Nenana in the morning, back the next day. I will be about here a couple days as I have to register and cannot get away too far. One of our helpers in years past is out side with his son seriously hurt, Dr. Olyroid of the University Extension program. He is the director and there is much that should be done as it is time for 4-H farming to start. I am going to help him a couple days next week, getting these youngsters started before it is too late. Much emphasis is on raising food for this part of the world, all we may do may be too little for us up here.

I have not yet received a final statment from the airways in Nome. Mail is slow this time of the year as it is after the air contract has expired for the winter. I need to wait a few more days. But when I do receive the statment I do not see how I can send you the remainder of the allotment. I would be rounded from my work. I just do not have the capital to operate on at this moment. I found myself unexpectedly short and it will not be better for three months. That operation for my daughter will take every spare cent. So far this year- since Oct. 1st-, I find that I have saved 24 dollars and have had that much unpaid bills. I see by the bulletin that there may be a curtailment in wages, no promise. I feel I should add something before it is too late to help out- namely: One of our Presbytery is outside, one of our Presbytery is working full time along with his ministry- or was, a third is expecting to go to work during his vacation time to pay his extra bills, or save a few dollars for bonds, and the last two of us either cannot operate as fully as we would like to do or cannot meet our present bills, or both. Regardless of the Presidents' order of fixed prices and wages, the prices have gone up. -- This is not to enter a complaint but it is too state a condition fully that I feel you should know. I do not feel in any sense that this all is good for our work up here in the North. When we loose our ability to get ahead, (we owe that to our future work and homes,) something is taken from us in the ministry. When the minister goes out and works then he is a workman and not the bearer of the message as he should be. I would prefer that you would not write the members individually and say I wrote I am not accusing them, they need help. Si severely, B.J. Bingle.

SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY REPORT

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156 Fifth Ave.
New York - N.Y.

The work of S.S. Missionary for Yukon Presbytery is growing in scope & effort. In effort because of the rapid turnover in population which seems to shift personnel of S.S. teachers in a majority of mission stations. It also makes one look up a new congregation at each visit. - That has its interest. The scope of the work is enlarging with each week as conditions in the Territory alter from day to day. - Right now there is just one task - defeat of opposing forces. That makes one's country unrecognizable from short time to short time. Influx of work men for construction in places away from town is one reason for which I speak.

As one views men coming to Alaska on this end one sees good men, I understand a greater portion family men, working on defense things. They are not the "boom gangs" - not coming in last Autumn power down the territory. On inquiry as to type of men I learn some attended church the first Sunday in town. Now they will not get to see a church for many weeks to come - labor & distance. The position of the S.S. Missionary is to carry the Church to them. - That is no small task considering distance, isolation & RUBBER.

There is also another phase of the work - not having a place to record on reports - That is - to get a steady mind & purpose for those of us who live in this country just now. People need a spiritual presence to hold them right. - The movies, or Recreation don't satisfy that spiritual hunger. So much of the time of the S.S. missionary is just trying to get a spiritual reserve in life. Too I do not believe all realize the gravity of the situation which we are facing. - We are still trying to win the war with Whiskey & Dazz - We must get purpose & goal put where carelessness & confusion, & no more gambles.

- B. J. Bingle.

College, Alaska.
June 1, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec
Alaska Work and S.S. Missions
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York N.Y.

My dear Dr. King:

This finds me at the conclusion of my first trip down the Richardson Highway. On the way down I found a man who stated he was saved and sanctified. Well, that is quite a big assertion so I told him I was going to send him some devotional literature. He asked how much it cost, I said nothing. If he liked it he could give something to the work later on. On my return when I saw him he gave me two five dollar bills for the work. When he handed me those two bills I thought that maybe he was right the first time, in his first statement. Being sanctified does not always go cleared down to the pocketbook.

On this trip down the highway I find many new things over and above what I had known to be there before. Construction work of various types is going on, folks moving in to do the work in large quantities. Some of this work is contract, some of it under old agencies, still more under authorities with which I have no connections. These latter have folks in my capacity scattered thruout the territory so that cuts me out. In that I refer to the Government. I would give more details but it would be censored. So far up to this moment things are just getting started, but there will be much visitation to do as there are folks in those areas who are Christian, and of course all need the church. I made plans to recover this area within a short time, going still further than I did on this trip.

Thursday I leave for the South via the railroad. I will be gone from two and one-half to three and one-half weeks. If you have information that I need to know send it on and it will be forwarded. I have been wishing I could get a letter from you before I do go regarding that S.S. Missions publication you had me look up. I will see Mr. Attwood while South and if the answer is affirmative it will be necessary to brush it up considerably and also proof read it if such quick action is at all possible.

Your letter of May 5th is here for answer. You of course have learned in one of my recent letters that I did not plan on going to Wales after receiving your letter suggesting that I not go. I would not go first without asking as my thoughts were as yours on the matter. I would have returned the next day if I could have done so, as I figured I could do it with the same money I would have spent by returning to Nome, Miss Stauffer having by that time sent a few communications to me via telephone stating that she hoped I could come and would be there. I am happy that providence directed it otherwise as now I not only can use but will need the funds to do this unexpected amount of work South of Fairbanks toward the coast.

The Individuals I sent the mimeographed letter to were some of my close and personal friends that I owed letters to, also members of my family. I am sorry I sent you the copy to confuse you. If you desire me

to do so I will furnish a list of good church folks that you may send the copy to that I sent in to have made up. -- If I can I will get it to you before I leave for the South.

In one of your letters you gave a figure which was to act as a guide for National Missions contributions for the Children's Day time. I am afraid if I would push that giving thru the teachers I have been able to have in the Sunday Schools on the respective fields I would not get so much as I would like to get. I want to be there personally and get as much contribution as possible. But I cannot get there the fore part of this month. So the amount coming in will be a little later. I hope I can do better than even the high figure stated.

There are many things that "sorta" put an -if- to things just now. In previous years in the respective mining areas one would find women and children scattered most everywhere. This years one whole camp and community is closed, folks moving out. Rolland had a S.S. started there last year. I refer to Livengood. Another place I learned of yesterday who used to employ 125 men this year has two. While the most of them are not like these two mentioned yet they are effected. I visited on quartz proposition the other day and I find two women in that camp. There used to be a few families at least. One of these women is to leave shortly. The men who are in charge of important parts of the industry are just staring off into space as you speak with them. They do not know how long they will be there, even tho they are married they expect they will be in the army soon as they are not in defense work. They say they will not go into defense work, someone has to fight and they will not get into defense work to get out of the fighting. At Ester where we have a fairly good S.S. operating- I was there for services last night- four of the women folks with children will be leaving for the outside either this week or next.

According to President Roosevelt's statment, also the Sec. of War, we can expect activity up here as well as on the West coast. Those statments create plenty of problems. To know what I mean it would mean that you look it over yourself. I would like to relate a few things but again they would not pass inpection. But when a trend of the mind is all in one direction, people's lives are managed in the direction of their thinking- that is a direction by the individual and not another- and life is not as it used to be. This all is harder on the person setting out in the brush where the mosquitoes peck at him in a million places than the person who is near a fair sized town- Anyway everyone is putting in much garden so if transportation is cut off families can eat just the same. I personally am going to put up much fish again this year, and I hope in the Autumn I can get some more wild meat.

Before I left for the Island I heard from Rev. Cabbage that there was a statement come out from you regarding our wives and children that if we deem it expedient that they will be given transportation to their homes or desired places to live. I understand thru Rolland, verbally only, that such communication has been received. I never received such a statement, hence I am asking you to verify or deny so if things go bad here all at once I will know what to do. I do not want the family to go unless it is absolutely imperative. They do not want to go. With the forces coming in there is a certain amount of civilian work that must be carried on and this is no time to leave a country, this is the time to go to work. But with myself being gone from home so much and with things we know are happening so close, it gives me much concern.

P.S. When I get to Anchorage I will remit to you by check amount in fund for trip to Island. BSB

Sincerely, Rev. B.J. Bingle.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONS
of Yukon Presbytery

College, Alaska.
June 2, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
Alaska Work and S.S. Missions
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

I finally can make an accounting of the funds for the St. Lawrence Island trip. I paid Mirrows at Nome by mail as stated per letter and never heard a word. I did catch up with the bookkeeper here in Fairbanks one day and know that what I paid was sufficient so am paying no more. Hence from that end my accounting should be final.

No, I would not take expense money for anything of personal use. If I had to I would go to the Bank and borrow, my name on a note has never failed me as yet, I hope it never will. As you can see by my reports these summer months are going to keep me very busy. To operate this 30 day period of the present I must need near 100 dollars in expense money. To get that out of my salary would be impossible, therefore I just had to use some of the money to take my trips on or borrow at the bank and pay interest and that again would raise my expense amount. That did not look like good business to me. If my monthly check arrives ahead of time as it has been doing I can get by with taking from the amount still left in the bank at the time I returned from the Island; the expenses of the last 15 days of May. If not I will have to borrow to get back home at the end of about 3 weeks. I leave for points South on the railroad in two more days. You will note in my expenses for the trip South on the highway that I just charged up the amount of a bus fare to the same place. I used a roadhouse one one night, my meals were either all gratis or I carried food enough with me to carry me over which is not charged. That report will be mailed the 15th of this month.

The following is the accounting:

Amount in bank at the time of April report ---	\$ 234.47
Expenses May 15th to 31st	
- fares to Nenana and return -- \$ 4.00	
- fares up Steese Hgway & ., , 4.50	
- fares to points from home 3.80	
- fares down Richardson Hgway 30.00	
	\$42.30
- Hotel and meals -Nenana 2.85	
- Mimeograph and stencils (paper) 4.40	
	\$49.55
Amnt. left in bank on St. Lawrence Island	\$ 184.92
expense allowance	

Enclosed you will find a check for the above amount- \$184.92 which closes the account with your office. I am happy to get that out of my books, it gets so mixed up by not being able to put in the expense amount and get a check back to cover the same. I can imagine you feel just as I do about it. When I send in my report on June 15th the expenses to be paid will be for just the first part of June.

Just a further word about finances, in my statement about the need of money to operate I was trying to give a statement of the actual condition of things in this section of the Territory. Prices are still going up, the amounts we are getting for Salary is entirely insufficient to make ends meet rightly. One dare not find himself [^]saving some money for emergencies or future needs. That need not be large, but it should be some. To cover such others are finding it necessary to work now and then, some more than I think is good for our ministry. We were informed by bulletin that there might be a cut. -- You may feel that I am impertinent, or am stating something out of turn, or am not minding my own business, but Dr. what I say I want to say now and not later, "the amounts are insufficient already." If we are to maintain a dignity to our ministry up here, make our church stand out the way our church should stand out, we must cut out this manual labor, giving the people of this territory the thought that the Presbyterian Church don't pay enough to its ministers so they must do manual labor. I think we talked that over many times while together. I would rather say it to you than to a church meeting, or Presbytery, and then have it get back to you in a form that I did not say it in. I know you feel as I do about it, but you will never know unless someone tell what you want to know from the field. -- I will say no more about it.

Thank you for your thoughts about Vella. Luck, or the good Lord I should say, has been with us in this case as the day before she was to go to the hospital the doctor made a final examination and decided he would keep watch over that knee for the Summer months and if he did not have to operate he would not do so. I have a belief that she will make it without an operation. I hope so.

Your paragraph in your last letter with reference to the new proposed railroad running from the states to Alaska I want to reaffirm. We had heard rumors about it, saw men going out to do the surveying, but we did not dare say anything till the news paper or radio mentioned it. That has been done on two occasions. It sounds too big to believe. But it is only a survey. What comes later no one knows. This will not stand publication and I hope the censor lets it in so you can have the information. If that does go thru there will be much work for some one footloose.-- But here is where the difficulty comes in, much of this is under the U.S. Govt. engineers and actually one does not know if all or parts of it will be done by enlisted men. I talked to one who is heading up a survey, has near 100 under him in one area alone, he feels that the work of my nature should rightly come under a chaplain.-- You may find much of the same thing all along the line. But there is enough civilian work and workers to still keep me going this Summer. The fact is I will hardly get back here to this desk at all the way it lines up now.-- The highway is still being constructed too, the two routes are not the same as I get it. Our very good friend who was on the new terminal work of the Alaska R.R. has charge of the ^{RR} survey over a very important area. I missed him when he was in town here a short time ago. He will get home in Cordova some time in the Autumn. On my recent trip down the highway in my work I had an opportunity to look over some of the country where roads are to go, the Palmer route going now. That going is tough!

Just a note regarding the "Trail Blazer" publication, I will see Bob while in Anchorage, I will revise ^{that one} and see if we cannot get a publication out this Summer. I will send bills in as you requested. I will try to make it better than the one put out at Presbytery time.

It is very dry here, hard for the crops to germinate if we do not soon get rain. It was dry last Autumn too so moisture is indeed short. Everyone is putting out a garden including ourselves. We hope we make it a success. It frosts much more easily here than it does down in the Anchorage area.

I note what you say regarding the Today magazines as well as the Home Department quarterlies, or other material. I wish I had known you could have furnished the Today magazine, I could have used it in much larger quantities. But what I did send for to both yourself and Los Angeles have not arrived and I need them badly. If they do not come in by Wed. eve on the train up I fear that will be some time before we get them. You perhaps know by this time that boat service for civilian use is not to be depended on for this Summer. Air mail costs so much but I know of no other sure way of having things come in. You see we are out here on the "limb" you hear so much about. We all are cognizant of the fact here but to tell someone else of the details of how it effects us, and what is doing right now is impossible. Therefore it might be that some materials we had hoped to get in may be delayed in coming.

I am sorry I made this so long and it consumes so much of ones time to read the same. May I be so personal as to wish for you the best this present Summer and hope that it will not be too long before you can again visit our country.

Sincerely,

B. J. Bingle.

PS. Please send me a ^{new} other
daily record book for S.S. Miss.

BJB.

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6/10/42

June 3, 1942

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. B. J. Bingle
College, Alaska

Dear Bingle:

I am having the Department of Evangelism send you some tracts that I think will be helpful for your distribution as you make your rounds. A little literature left here and there oftentimes does work that could not be done otherwise. If you need additional copies of any of this material, please let me know.

Cordially yours,

EDK:McE



CURRY, ALASKA

Ann mail
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June 7-42

Dr. Everett S. King, Sec.
Alaska Work & S.S. Missions

156 Fifth Ave.

New York, N.Y.

Dr. King:

This finds me on the way
South. The radio from N. Y.,
From Calif., also from
Fairbanks states activities are
continuing in the Dutch Harbor
region. Additional reports are
to come later. That gives me
much reflection as to my

Family up there where I can
not find it so convenient to look
after them. --- We have been warned
by the President to expect more
trouble - also that gas may be
used. -- That is not so good to
think about. I presume you
received my inquiry as to the
evacuation for missionary families.
I hope I get an answer from
you on the matter so if in
a hurry I have to act. I will
know what to do - I want a
written statement from someone
as it may be necessary to get
transportation etc.

But that is not the purpose of this
note - You no doubt have heard
from Holland by this time as to our
action regarding Miss Martin at Imbela.
We asked the Bureau of Indian Affairs
to include Miss Martin if they at any
time evacuated their island from
the island. - This I talked over
carefully with one of their field
men while in Rome - also the
Capt. of the Army Post there.

Mrs. Bingle writes me that a
letter came from the Bureau office
stating such would be done if
they do evacuate, but at this time
no evacuation is contemplated.

Another item I tell you should
know and this was given to me
as I was able to contact others
on this trip that a better air
field and buildings are going
in on the Island. -- I again
hope this gets to you, as it may
guide you in your thoughts about
the work up here, the personnel
to man the job, and also to
be assured of the possibility of
guards being sent in to care
for the place. If so we will have
an extra duty to see that the
same Civilness of these young
Esquimo boys & girls will remain-
tained. If ~~one~~ young folks had a
high percentage of casualties in the
moral line. The action as to the



CURRY, ALASKA

and buildings ⁵ may be a little late
in 1942 to get accomplished due
to the recent activities in
the vicinity of the Aleutian
Islands. In other words it
might have been postponed
for the present. Again it
may hurry it faster.

Another point I feel
you should be informed

on, and it might have
come to you from a couple
other sources, that is regard-
ing Supplies getting into
the Island for those
workers that are on the
Island. - Civilian supplies,
I understand, are not to come
to us for a little time. We
have been told by the Governor
also to stock up for quite
a few months in advance.
If supplies do not get
into the upper country for
civilian needs before the
end of the Summer ^{or at all} other

arrangements might be made
by some helpfulness of others.
When down here in Anchorage
I shall inquire into those matters
and ~~at~~ you know how
it looks.

I am just writing this
to let you know what the
picture is and if you
get just a short letter
or a few words sometime
from myself - or from Coland
if I am up on that end to
confer with him - you will
better understand. Again

This note may be entirely unnecessary. I hope so - yet
no human being knows.

Sincerely,

B. J. Bingle.

June 9, 1942

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. Bert J. Bingle
College, Alaska

Dear Friend Bingle:

Thank you for your check of \$184.92 together with the accounting that you gave of the expenditure on your expenses for the trip to Savoonga and Gambell.

I note what you have said about the increased cost in living in Alaska and the need for increasing the salaries of the men. Most of our men have recently received a small increase in their salaries. This increase was not only by the Board but also by each local church. Practically all of our men realized this small amount of increase.

I am not quite clear in my mind about your complaint relative to your expense accounts. We have agreed to take care of travel expenses. Of course, we cannot go into the thousands of dollars. Yet I feel that if you guard the expenditures carefully and watch your trips, there is no real reason for you to be penalized in the travels.

It was perfectly all right for you to send the mimeograph letters to your friends. I think it is better for them to receive the letters directly from you in Alaska than to send them out from here.

No doubt about it - things are changing in Alaska and you know more than organize a Sunday School than it will be changed. However, there is no way to judge the amount of good that is accomplished in your personal visits to the men and to the families. After all the real heart of our missionary program is home visitations.

The statement that you heard about the wives and children in Alaska is correct. In case of imminent danger you have the consent of the Board to not only move the family but to evacuate yourself if you deem it wise. Whatever expense is involved in this evacuation will, of course, be taken care of by the Board.

I am glad to get the good word about Vila. I truly hope that she is spared the operation and that the trouble will correct itself.

We are sending you a daily record book under separate cover.

Cordially yours,

EBK:McE

June 17, 1942

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. B. J. Bingle
College, Alaska

Dear Friend Bingle:

Thanks for your interesting letter of June 7th. I shall be glad for you and Armstrong to keep me posted about developments.

I was not at all surprised to hear of the proposed plan for St. Lawrence Island. It seems to me that this will be an inevitable course and that the Government will through necessity have to fortify this place.

In my last letter I told you of the action of the Board relative to families. You have the responsibility invested in you by the action of the Board. I am herewith enclosing that action so that you may have it.

Cordially yours,

EBK:McE

ANCHORAGE HOTEL



ANCHORAGE
ALASKA

Anchorage Alaska
June 19 - 42

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
Alaska work of S.S. missions
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York - N.Y.

My dear Dr. King:

By this time you will have rec'd my letter from Curry. - Now all our problems are solved about St. Lawrence - at least my present worry, & it has not been light in anxiety. This is midnight and just one hour ago I rec'd a wire from School teacher at Gambell saying his family, Savoonga teacher, Health nurse & Miss Martin are all awaiting transportation to leave the Island. - I was just trying to get the censor to pass on a wire to you when it came in. I hope they can get transportation!

You see we get little news at times, Silence don't always mean all is fine. The teacher had written me about certain conditions

ANCHORAGE HOTEL



ANCHORAGE
ALASKA

as I stated to you before, the Post was about a certain construction work going in there and a very considerable amount of liquor going to the Island - also he had his bars, "wined back" for putting up a notice. - As to this I took it up with the local Police here which has charge up there and they promised a complete shut out on the same.

Then yesterday when Rev. Randall, myself & Methodist man of Seward was planning for a young peoples conference on this end of the railroad - thinking even though small it would be better than none, also we are taking folks from more & less danger zone - a wire came from the Island teacher. It stated he was advised to send his family off - also the missionary out Miss Martin refused to go. He stated he would feel he discharged his moral responsibility if bad results came if she did not avail herself of this transportation. I was at

ANCHORAGE HOTEL



ANCHORAGE
ALASKA

Loss what to say. I consulted with Mr. Pasmussen, with Elder Jones of Anchorage, saw Col. McBride and all suggested that if the teacher had word of suggestion she had better comply. - I would teacher I was wiring you. - Then I could not know actually what to say. In my hunt I was helped by Elder Glen Jones - your fishing companion - and I found letters who had come in from [redacted]

[redacted] - So armed with this information I was visiting with the censor when the second wire came that all were trying to get it. - I was happy! I then wired for Miss Martin to come & our home at College - I would be back by Sunday night. I thought we could stay there after leaving for now. - I could have visited Holland I would have

ANCHORAGE HOTEL



ANCHORAGE
ALASKA

Should him but he is not in Fairbanks
at this present time.

This is my suggestion. Have Miss
Martin await in the vicinity of Fairbanks
for a few weeks or a couple of months
till we learn what may be a future
program. She can help me with Daily
Vacation School work, perhaps help me
do a little piece of work with that Kenana
church. - These children need special work
done for them. I intended, & do intend, & do
some but she can remain longer & do
more. Perhaps the expenses of living would
not be too great there. We will know a
little later what our program is. ^{If she can return} At present
no oats are yet loaded for the North with
supplies as I understand it. They were
loaded north once but not at this writing.
-- This all depends on whether or not she is willing
"Shoot" me a letter giving information if we
will. In the meantime I will attempt to have her remain
with us.

The crest of the University of the Pacific is a shield-shaped emblem. At the top left is a large, glowing sun with rays. In the center, a ship is depicted on the water, with a lighthouse on its deck. The background of the shield is a dark blue sky with a white cloud. The entire crest is set against a white background.

At this writing I am trying to get the
Publication in final form. The cuts will
take a little time to get so we are dating it
August 21 - not

August 27th
This trip I feel has been again most
profitable. Not in numbers but it does make
your heart hurt when you enter homes
& find such great uncertainty - such distraction.
Tonight I

one had to go to the Island and it is difficult for some to do it all. One of our - (your) good friends just died & fell over after she had given good bye to her husband. Folks up in these mines need to have the presence of the pastor at times - The church is their only light. Sunday P.m. at one coal mine some fine mothers & children come for worship. -- At this date I feel whatever is done we should keep going the contacts our church has made in the field at large. Things are so different than they were just a few weeks ago. I hope it can be possible.

ANCHORAGE HOTEL



ANCHORAGE
ALASKA

my report for this month will be late. I have not had the time to finish it on this trip. -- Next week I plan on going down the highway to carry out plans laid when down here the last of May. I also wish to get at a Daily Vacation School at Chitana, if candidates are still there. I do not believe there will be so great a turn over in this camp. The other camp is being cut down in residents' clothing. Also I will have a vacation school at Nonana before coming South of Curry again.

Did you send my daily report book as requested? I am completely out. Also send you will send "Today" magazines will you have coming at least 20 for July, August, and Sept.?

Our Special greetings to you, your family, and your office force.

Sincerely,

B. L. Beagle

P.S. - have reached Fairbanks by freight - bad
So far can't find if they get off at Fairbanks - did find. My horse
about situation - take.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONS
Of Yukon Presbytery

College, Alaska
June 23, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
Alaska Work and S.S. Missions
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Since I sent you the letter on yesterday I have been on the search to learn what has happened to Miss Martin and the others that were coming off the Island. I have found that which had been the urgency has temporarily subsided. It was reported that the enemy was attempting a landing on the Island but it has now been found to be only a rumor by someone down the line farther that expressed a fear. It does not take long before those fears expressed actually becomes an accomplished fact in the minds of the average listener. Repetition then only is worse from there on. Nevertheless such scares when not so far is not so good. At this writing I can say this much, no word is yet received where she or the others are. I did locate a very responsible person who is going over in the vicinity where they depart from to get to their mission station and that person will do all he can to get information, also to help out if necessary to get them away. He is also attempting to learn about Miss Stauffer, seeing if any word of there. - Since writing this I find them still on the Island. They will come off - when & if they choose - Martin included - subject to transportation. - B. B. I believe that the greatest danger in the supply situation. It is still looking like that off it being placed by the enemy. If such does happen that will surely cut us from the island next Winter. Miss Stauffer states that she is only lacking fuel for the church. I do not know how much else in the minor things she may lack but that was her last statement. --- Rev. Armstrong not being in town at this writing I am taking the liberty in giving you the information straight. I feel you would like to know and should know.

Thursday finds me going South on the highway to attend to care for the civilian defense workers ^{and others} in that area or areas. I will be absent for some days. I hope I can further do work that I started on last trip. -- I will keep informed of the other situation and if any effort on my part needs to be made I will do that.

As to the subject I stated I did not wish to speak about again I will say that this financial problem is complicated for me too. The cause is - that it takes a certain outlay of capital to carry this mission work. I have now spent just about \$200.00 ^{of the Board's money} and that which was advanced for St. Lawrence trip, was advanced from my own finances first. It went alright for the first few months, but now I just do not have enough to pay my bills and advance the funds for the various place so I must go if I am to do the work the way it should be.

As a result this month I am again leaving unpaid bills for the next
- like income. This is poor business. --- This is the reason for the first
statement which has been confusing to you.

Yes, I am aware that the men had a raise in salary, not much but
it helped quite a little. Yet, some feel even at that they cannot
make things go as they should. But, with my rent payment, it has de-
creased my income considerably. Not the full amount of the rent
as some operating costs were eliminated too. However with the rise
in prices the decrease is considerable. I feel that not to say any-
thing and then have things go wrong would be not right in itself.
Right now things are going wrong for me and I would give my life
if I could straighten them by myself. That I see no way to do at
this writing.

It may not be that this work warrants more money being put in on
the same. If that is the case then facts must be faced and adjustments
made accordingly. I am willing to try finishing the year as started
but there are only three months left, some thought should be had on
the subject prior to that date, ^{contracted} Oct. 1st. I feel that this work is
important, very important. I am happy that I have had the oppor-
tunity to be on the work during these first trying days. To say that
the war did not make one's work somewhat changed would not be giving
the whole truth.-- I am leaving the matter from here on in your hands.
I would think however some of it would come under the World Emergency
Work that the church is doing in other places. This place is definite-
ly connected with the war in the Pacific.

There is another matter which is on my mind and has been on
since Dec. 7th. very seriously. I have felt before that date that
we should do something about the man in the military training camp
if we are to have a better citizenship tomorrow. Since that time
I have felt that we have too much of a chance to lose in this war.
We are getting pounded on every side, we have won where we have had
the chance but our lines are long, and the area is immense. Now our
own country ^{here} is attacked, the country I have learned to love. To dis-
lodge those that are now our unwelcome guests may not be so easy as
some of the radio announcers would like to have the listeners to
believe. -- But we have a great group of men, and machines. I do
believe that these men should be backed by every bit of manpower the
nation can give. I see these men daily. I ^{have} spoken with them before
they face unknown things. The question is-- "should not I put in
my application to be with them?" I have taken the matter up a number
of times with the Chaplain. The first time he said I was too old.
Now that has been adjusted by the raise in age limit. Later he felt
I might have to be sent from the combat zone. That I would not wish
to do as I have spent my years of service mostly in this country and
I know no other. If I should feel that I should put in my applica-
tion for Chaplain would you give me a recom^mendation for the same?

Enclosed find the late monthly report. The supplement I have
not written this month on the special paper. I feel that I have cov-
ered the subject in the correspondence. I have tomorrow left and I
must prepare my car for the journey and I wish to get out a general
letter.

Sincerely,

B.J. Bingle

June 29, 1942

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. B. J. Bingle
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Bingle:

Your letters of June 19th and 23rd have arrived today during Dr. King's absence on Vacation. I am not notifying him of the unsettled conditions on St. Lawrence Island just now. However, I suggest that as soon as you have definite information as to whether or not Miss Martin is leaving you wire us here at the office.

By the way, I believe you will want to know that your letter was cut up in several places by the censors. This word may help you to guide yourself accordingly in the future.

Cordially yours,

Secretary to Dr. King

McE

College, Alaska.
July 1, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
Alaska work and S.S. Missions
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

I have just returned from down the highway. I wish it were possible for me to give a picture to you of all the changes, the additions, the proposed ideas but that would not pass inspection. I will say this that the Alaska we knew only two years ago is not the Alaska of today or will be of tomorrow.--- I did learn however that one outfit that is do some construction work up here thought enough of his quite large ~~person~~ (that he hired a preacher to come along and care for the needs of his workmen spiritually and recreationally. That is one jump over on me. I thought that much of that work would come up under our attention if not to come under our direction. I think his idea is good, in fact very good.

I find also that there is some much that is so new and so urgent that folks do not care to have any ordinary civilian on the road taking up room and taking anyone's moments away from his work to see that ~~they~~ get by on narrow places or bad spots. The negro drivers from their one unit are getting so one would have to carry double insurance to be sure of a car to drive-- he should figure at least getting hit twice on each long trip. In other words I am not putting my car over that road any more for some time if I can help it. The risks are too great. I think now I could ride a truck.

As to the proposed R.R. there is no word out yet from the government. When and if it does come out I will let you know. This much is certain the Folks that have up to the near present lived in these out-of-the-way places are becoming less and less. -- But I presume that you see this so much in the states that it is not new. I did get some good calling in. Some I had hoped to do just was out- and will be with the speed on as it is.

Robert Atwood will have the S.S.Missions paper (publication) ready for putting into final shape by the 20th of this month. We both worked on it considerably. I tried to bring it up-to-date in everyway, being still more "newsy" than I had the mimeograph sheet. Those names for the mailing list should be here within two weeks so we can send them out from either Anchorage or here. You had better mail them to me at your earliest opportunity.

A wire from Miss Martin last evening states she arrived in Nome and will be over at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

B. J. Bingle.

College. Alaska

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Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
Alaska Work & S.S. Missions
150 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Enclosed find Miss Martin's report. She arrived last eve. Rolland will write concerning her after a conference today. It seems the Army officials asked all white women to leave the Island. She still did not wish to leave. - That is good missionary material.

Just a note as I put all together in my own way: Presbyterian missionary on isolated outpost cares for the four sick Eskimo women left to her charge while all other women were sent back into the hills from a possible Japanese attack. Men are all on guard duty, or catching possible food for summer use or winter storage - Some are on their shift to sleep & again take up vigil. She trusts serenely in the Lord and a good 30-30 Winchester. - The latter trust she states she did not know what to do with she had defended herself by the first trust seriously but had never proven the use of the latter weapon. But some one thought she needed to help the Lord out.

Sincerely, B. J. Bingle.

Note: Would you send me

30 copies of "Today" for Sept.
30 copies of Home Dept Quarterly Oct to Dec?
Thank you.

College, Alaska July 16-42

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec
of Alaska Work -
Board of National Missions
New York, N.Y.

Supplement Report:

This report marks the largest expenditure of any month so far and should not be duplicated till next Summer, aside from trips to St. Lawrence Island & Waks. There is only one time of the year when some work can be carried on without more expense & use of time which hinders other phases of the work. That comes in June & July. Also I feel it is necessary for me to get a good picture of my field before I can serve it properly. I learn each time but I feel I already have a fair knowledge of extent & details & peoples.

One important thing to me is to get these scattered Church folk everywhere reading their Bible & praying in a regular systematic order. I feel things can start from there. By the use of "Today" & the Home Dept. Publication I have attempted to carry out this idea, besides using copies of the gospel etc.

After my previous trip down the rail belt I wrote a personal note & inclosed it in a copy of "Today" & sent the same to all our young men in the Army forces that I knew of that came from sections such as I cover now or did cover, & so I did the same for the various homes I would not

revisit personally in the immediate future. Those latter ones I did revisit & did give devotional material to the same. I hope to make this regular as much as possible. After these introductions I further hope to get them to either subscribe to a devotional publication - or I hope to put out a general letter asking for contributions to the Board ~~as~~ an expression of appreciation for services provided - or I hope to do both. I feel the personal note as well as the personal touch adds much.

This last time at home I sent a personal note to each family - or home - in Savoonga encouraging them to keep their church active & their own Christian life up to standard during Miss Martin's absence - or to such time as one can return; also expressing my appreciation for their kindness to me while there. I hope to do the same for Gambell, Miss Martin and Miss Benson will keep their touch, but much will be needed to keep these folks steady. - Some unknown group tried to find out from the teacher up there if we were going to abandon the work on the island. - Wishful thinking. The Alaska Evangelization Society is getting stronger & stronger up here. They had a good stunt on my work & that will take time before I can get some work, if at all, what I was hoping to get. They have moved in another place & clipped off a part that naturally belongs to one of our churches. That can be temporary, I hope in a way. -- I know this much where I see them in the field

of Indian work and compare the Indian now with what he was say 10 yrs. ago. I know that missionary has given the Indian something he should have & did not have before the missionary came. That is a challenge to us of the established denomination!

There was quite an expense on Telegrams from St. Lawrence Is. I rec'd quite a C. O. D. from the teacher. He was concerned & he wanted instructions given so our missionary would heed suggestions from above. I returned a wire that I was writing n. y. airmail. Then I rec'd another wire which again I had to answer. So the cost was high but when considering it might have cost a life had one not taken precautions it must be regarded as necessary.

It is evident now too that we can perhaps have a youth Conf. on this end of the Railbelt. - A communication with Rev. Knight-Methodist -, head of the body that supports or promotes our conference each year, brought him to Anchorage where plans are now made for such conference. I hope it can materialize.

I trust you have, a good vacation and you will be greatly refreshed for your next year's work. I further hope that my past letters have arrived at your office and in - not to cut out a pattern by the censor who has been kind so information can get to your office and proper plans can be made.

Sincerely, B. J. Bingle

College, Alaska
Aug 10-42

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
Alaska Work & S. Miss.
Board of Foreign Missions
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

We needed South to get in final preparation
for our Young People's Conference at King's
Lake Camp. It will not be as extensive as
last year but Rev. Rendell, Rev. Knight &
Seward, the Young folk of Anchorage Church,
the Children of Fort Richardson & the
also Church School, will be doing what
we can about it. The Railroad gave us
rates as usual - this will let us keep our
previous arrangement with the Alaska Railroad
or in future - at "Yours we can still go
ahead having had no break in the round-
trip rate. - It may not go to go off as planned
as we are attempting to do our best. - We will
have to cut some corners).

Have been very busy - Good folks are everywhere
Scattered out - but little chance for many services as would like.
Thanks for the early check. It sure helped out.
Sincerely, B. J. Single.

August 19, 1942

AIRMAIL

Rev. B. J. Bingle
College, Alaska

Dear Bingle:

Returning from six weeks out of the office I found several communications from you. Most of the information had to do with matters that had already materialized, such as, the changes on St. Lawrence and so forth.

I note in one of your letters that you ask for a mailing list to be sent to you in order that you may send out the booklets that are being printed in Anchorage. For this first issue it may be just as well for you to mail as many copies as you deem wise to friends and then send to us here in New York the rest of the copies. For the next issue we will try to have the mailing list in your hands so that you can take care of all of this from Alaska.

During these days of tremendous stress and strain and when danger ever approaches closer and closer I know of no better advice to give you than to live close in your heart to the Lord. Take the words of the old Proverbs, in the third chapter, fifth and sixth verses and make them your own.

Cordially yours,

EBK:McE

College, Alaska
Aug. 28-42

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
Alaska Work & S. Missions
126 Fifth Ave.

New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. King:

We have just completed a very fruitless Young
People's Conference at Kings' date. It looked
dark some months ago but "business as usual" as
much as possible & "care of our today high school
age" thought predominated. By faith we went
ahead. Rev. B. E. Knight - Methodist of Seward was
the dean - he is the chairman of our Interdenominational
organization and he is solid sturdy material.
Rev. Raulah did a very good job bringing the
campfire closing that. The fact is - he did
a good job in an unusual way. - he taught
three classes & did the driving for the camp
too. - So many praises to him. - I presume he
will write about it to you so I will say no
more. Since he had to put about 600 miles -
his figure - on his car and I do not doubt
the mileage as I drove it - pass prior, I think
he should have more than we could furnish

him from our major funds. If you wish
to do so & include it on my account of
travel. I believe \$15.00 should be given extra
to him. - That is a suggestion and I believe
my allowance can stand the \$5.00 as I
will add another \$5.00 in the red for this conference
I will put that amount in for my room &
board for that week, in my Sept. report. - If that
is alright with you. -- I do feel sure
contribution to the Soldiers, & the Indians &
Esquimaux & Eskimoes as well as to our own
peoples of our respective Churches on the rail
road has enlarge and full of worth while
Spiritual things.

A second item I wish to write concerning
is the St. Lawrence Is. Lakes. -- On two trips
to Anchorage where I am now returning from
Portage Junction, I learn that the wife of
the school teacher at Gambell, the S.D.A. which
has a S.S. for the folk there, who was at
White Mountain this summer has gone ahead
regardless of advice of authority who disclaim any
civilian responsibility, and is enroute back to
Gambell if not already arrived. The Office
of Indian Affairs is fully conscious of

The problems involved in due & shortages
and the fact that they are good teachers
& fill a strategic place, they cannot
do much about it but let it go true.

So this gets down to one thing - We must
be prepared to get a worker on here or
suffer the consequences. - - A letter I mean
may complicate matters, as I say they already
know - and will be helpful I am sure - but
they are up against it to help.

I would ~~rather~~ ^{rather} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~sure~~ ^{sure} Fred asking if I
was in a position to postpone. A "yes"
or "no" will tell if food is available for
Rogers family as well as desire on his part. I
suggested also that if there is a "no" on
the part of Fred, that we should not
let the part of our hopes crush & contact
Miss Martin with your direction & if you
all wish. - So word may be coming true
and I wanted to give you the above
as background. I do not believe we can
expect to have work there as here & you
if we have the aid from the other Church
& seccods without being harmed. Miss Martin
said she would insist on returning if the above
would happen & the teacher in question return.

A third matter I wish to speak of - that is about this M. Mission Publication. We have our problems. The cuts have not returned from the outside & the publication will not be so good without it. -- I am going to get it again reshaped & if we can find substitutes cuts and we can keep personal working, which looks good at this moment, I will have Bob go ahead and get it off the press. Please send list to whom you wish I have copies forwarded.

My monthly report was late. I did not write a supplement. I was too busy with the Young People's Conference. I have been caring for the youth at Kennerly was cut out of D. S. P. S. as measles & mumps here. Also the youngsters turned out too much for gathering. My visitation to Camp 2 was of various nature but for a check. My mailing list & personal calling list is constantly enlarging list. I make it possible to ^{have} devotional material & those leaflets you sent bear fruit. I feel I have laid a fair foundation for future follow up.

A Little that - I feel I overheard a rumor. I want to say that in no case I wish or will go into any field where the pastor does not care to go with me. I have religiously kept away from all fields & connections - I intend to do so now. I would like to have an answer about military reconstruction that I wrote about in a previous letter - Sincerely, B. D. Single.

For future reference

Excerpt from letter - C. Earl Albrecht, Major, Medical Corps
Sept. 8, 1942 Chief of Surgical Service, Station Hospital #242,
Seattle, Washington.

It is our constant good fortune to see Rev. Bingle whenever he is in this vicinity. The warmth of his spirit and conscientious interest in his work, and his personal concern in all individuals that he has known in the territory, particularly those of us who are living under abnormal circumstances, makes him of unusual value and help. I am deeply convinced now that the establishment of this itinerant mission work with Rev. Bingle as the activating spirit, was a wise move on your part. If there was a need for it a year ago there is even a greater one now. It is, of course, difficult for me or for any of us in Alaska, by reason of censorship, to go into great detail as to the reasons for such a statement but I can say that many of us in Alaska who have our homes here anywhere from Fairbanks to Seward are having our normal lives disrupted. Accordingly, to be visited and contacted by one as cordial as Rev. Bingle, from time to time, is like a big tonic from home. As I said, I wish I could amplify this statement but you must read between the lines and by that statement I mean I cannot describe the military situation more than that. There is nothing to read between the lines as far as Rev. Bingle is concerned.

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College, Alaska.
Sept. 15, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
Alaska Work and Sunday School Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

In my travels I came upon some of the Eskimo boys of our four missions in the Arctic. They are fine looking boys. I had not the time to get them together in their scattered places and with their labors but I did see some individually and made preparation to have one of the "free lancers" who is a fairly decent fellow to get them together and have prayer with them if nothing else. The last word that Thomas of Miss Stauffer's work said when I left, "Remember all our boys in prayer". He had told me before that "none are drinking". I saw one of the "free lancers" and he stated that they boys are coming there for church. -- It is a sad comment when the Congregational Church will close this station in this area and have at the same time under construction in that very community a building being built by the "free lancers".

I wrote you regarding the Island work after I sent a hasty communication to Rev. Armstrong. I have heard nothing up to this minute but I fear we will either write "Pandemonium" or "half-gone" to our work up there if no one comes on the field with the school teachers work wife back up there. I have a great regard for the Mister of the house but not the Mrs. We need his help to even put a worker in there so we cannot say too much. I understand that Roy cannot go to the Island, that he has to reduce the have two different operations. Miss Martin told me at one time that if Mrs. Daugherty went back to the island that she was going back, she would not let those people go without a leader under those conditions. They are attempting to get her to go out under the Bureau of Indian affairs. That was my haste in case we wanted to get her official "yes" or "no"; should we not decide to let it drift. I do not know if food went in there or not, that will have much to do with decisions. It can be gotten in I believe if we act at once, however picking it up in Nome will make it cost more-- Since Air Mail is terrible recently, do not know why it is not coming in, I thought I better write you again.

I understand further that a colporter of the Seven Day Adventist Church came into Barrow and stayed beyond the last boat. I understand further that at 11 P.M. he came to Fred and wanted to know where he could sleep. (Fred sent a note back with "ein as to this, he just had a minute to get it to me) So here Fred is and has this "bird" on his hand -- This is giving you some idea of how they are pushing up here right now. They surely pulled a fast one with the Palmer Hospital.

Sincerely,

B-J. Bingle.

Just made best check possible
AST's advisability on Island...
- These consider it a good possibility
a 4 year stay of work visit as
returning with...
B-J.

SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY REPORT

Of B. J. Bingle - College, Alaska.

Sunday School Missionary

Date Sept. 21, 1942.

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To: Dr. Everett B. King, sec.
Alaska work and S.S. Missions
Board of National Missions
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:-- This report comes a few days late again due to my absence from home and also due to the help we were compelled to give to our children in getting in their 4-H garden. Temperatures pinched down quickly here this year for a few days so it made us work early and late.

In my recent letter to you I used a few phony terms so they would arrive to you and not have holes in the sheets. If again I use those terms I will refer to trips thru areas far off the beaten trail, or along our highway system. I will refer to men who fly airplanes, and also those that go with such to protect both them and their places of landing. I should have added great numbers of men who are on the building end in remote and divers places.

Up to the present in any of these off the way places there ~~is~~ no one such as I to care for the religious end of things. Yesterday I found a young man that had his training as a minister, was a student Volunteer. ^{years ago} He took ill and was in bed for 18 months, then when well he was taken by the selective service. He is now rustling freight for other "out of the way" places. He would like to get readjusted for that which he has been trained but how, is his problem. He could not attend church because he was working. ^{it} --- (so goes, multitude of others who would like to attend when opportunity comes) Men with rank so anxious about their charges away out here, give a welcome had to ~~the~~ myself as I visit them. That which must be kept in mind is that there are so many of them that those responsible cannot supply the needs. This all being so recent I feel that it is essential that ^I carry at least a part of the task with some degree or regularity till such is supplied from the proper source. These cannot return to their homes and say the church neglected them, or that they never saw a minister all the time they put their months in such places as the above.

SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY REPORT

Of BJ Bingle - report continued

Sunday School Missionary

Date

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This week I want to get caught up with my correspondence, send out a general letter if possible keeping those contacted tied up as one whole in our mission work. Then on Saturday I want to begin a trek that will take me to a great number of places not yet visited with the hired chaplain of the ^{by myself} ~~One~~ Iowa ^{contracting} ~~building~~ forces. I want to locate some more of our Eskimo boys off the beaten trail too. One is a fine young man who took me from Gambel to Savoonga last Winter by dogs. On this trip too I will recover some of the steps taken just two weeks ago. Too speak of more would be to perhaps invite the cissors.

Mail has not come thru to us for about three weeks from your office. I Understand Rev. Armstrong is handicapt the same as I. I hope things come thru very soon as by this time when I pass the bank I sorta stoop to get below the window. The banker may call me in if he sees me.-- Well, it is not that bad but if I do not get mail before I go on Sat. I will have to go in and make arrangements with the banker to operate.

I received a letter from Rolland about the St. Lawrence Island matter since writing you. I answered him and am now awaiting word. He too is waiting to hear from your office. That is a knotty problem up there, but I learn complications may not all be against us. Nevertheless we must care for the matter if it can be cared for.

It is assumed that Rev. Randall wrote you in detail about the Young People's Conference at King's Lake. He was assistant Dean. I can ceratnly say he worked hard, did a very good job. I further can say that if I ever thought we did right by having a conference at this place under such a time we did right this year. It was so needed by our youth, ^{9/30} ~~Some~~ it was so needed by the enlisted man. We need to have more such movements by our new youth up here. We must send them back as good as they came. We must hold our girls steady under such a time as this.----- I guess this is not much of a report.

Sincerely, - B. J. Bingle.

PS. I am sending this registered to be sure it gets thru.
I important thing come up for north you better B.J. Bingle.
I first Parties direct.

September 22, 1942

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. E. J. Bingle
College, Alaska

Dear Friend Bingle:

Enclosed you will find a list for you to use in mailing copies of the new publication. In addition, of course, you will send a good supply of these copies to our office here.

I think you are right in assuming that Randall should have an additional expense allowance. If you have granted that \$10. it will be perfectly all right. If not, please do so.

We are deeply concerned about St. Lawrence Island. I have spoken to the Foreign Board about the possibility of securing a returned missionary but so far have not been able to contact anyone.

I think the statements relative to the emergency are all correct. I hope that we will not miss the boat.

I note what you say as a postscript relative to making application for a chaplaincy. Of course, that is something you will have to decide for yourself but before you reach any definite conclusion I suggest that you consider the fact that leadership is needed outside the armed forces as well as inside. It may be that the Lord has called you for just such a time as this - to be a Sunday School Missionary in Yukon Presbytery.

We have an item in our budget for your conference. Enclosed, therefore, is a check for \$100. to cover additional expenses involved in the Young People's Conference. Will you please send me an itemized statement of the expenditure of this money?

Cordially yours,

EBK:McE
Encl. check \$100.

September 30, 1942

Rev. Mr. E. J. Bingle
College, Alaska

Dear Friend Bingle:

I am still very anxious that some sort of service be given to St. Lawrence Island. If Miss Martin has the wind and inclination to return under the present conditions, I shall be more than glad to place her on the same salary basis as Miss Bannan.

There will be, of course, the difficulty that she will have to face in regard to the food supply, as well as the fuel. Since you and Armstrong are there on the field, it seems to me that you can reach a decision about her return that will go farther in meeting the needs than any decision I might make here in New York.

I am, therefore, asking you and Armstrong to get your heads together and see what you can do.

I had a fine letter from Major Albrecht and he commended you and the service that you are now rendering. I was delighted to get the letter. I do not know of anyone that has the ability or the personality, or the physical endurance to do the type of job you are now doing, except you. The Lord has apparently raised you up for just such a time as this.

Cordially yours,

EBK:MR
Air mail
cc: Rev. R. Rolland Armstrong

QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

From

B. J. Bungle

Church

Date

College, Alaska

NOTE—This quarterly news letter is to be written in addition to all other reports. Use it for reporting the outstanding experience or experiences during the past three months in your church.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
Alaska work & S.S. missions
50 Fifth Ave. - N. Y. City.

My dear Dr. King:
This finds me on the field, in the middle of quite an unusual journey. It has been over roads so new I rode the front end of a "bulldozer" to get to one river section. Some of our group rode equipment one would have to be strapped in to take the bumps. On this trip I met Rev. Smith our negro pastor of New York City. I hope to shortly return to see him and his men and perhaps give an Alaska Welcome to the boys. Where they are and the way they are living either would put the hair on your manly bosom or take it off one or the other.

Six months ago work in mining areas was pinching out. It gave reason for the fact that money spent should justify certain results. Today some of those places are all but off our S.S. map. The rest present such problems that my presence to care for them needs to be stepped up, with perhaps a double frequency. Officers to keep running the works is my problem. Well Mother Nature has played havoc with the country in many ways this summer which has also presented problems in my work. -- But where six months ago things were pinched out, or being so, today others have opened up that not only makes me step up my pace but makes it imperative that those Home Church, and the other units of the Home Missions Council, as well as the undivided entirely have the presence of the representative of the Church & the Kingdom of God with them while their stay is among us. -- Since we cannot retreat - we must advance.

QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

From _____

Church _____

Date _____

NOTE—This quarterly news letter is to be written in addition to all other reports. Use it for reporting the outstanding experience or experiences during the past three months in your church.

The reason, Doctor King, I asked for a recommendation for Chaplaincy is because I did not know then, or do I know now, if everything would be soon set under such a set up that it would take that commission to operate. I would put it in under the condition that I remain in the territory, & preferably in this section. I do not know if it were possible to make such a suggestion stick, but I certainly would set all things in operation that would cause such to be a reality. To fail would or should cause no disruption.

But there is another reason for my recent letters. I just cannot operate on my income. In the past I have been allowed five dollars of the thirty-five for rent that I must pay. That amount allowed should be at least twenty-five. I have a daughter in high school, a boy in the upper grades and it costs to have children in the home. Prices have arisen since we came to Fairbanks at an alarming rate. I have only been able to operate this past year because an Aunt of Mrs. Bingle died & left just a small inheritance. But that is now gone ^{as much as I can go}. Clothes, car equipment, bed roll etc all must be had or I cannot go on the road. I need to add to my car so I can go on these trips. I cannot "thumb" this winter with is coming & I am below. It has now become apparent that I either have some more assistance from the Board as to my rent, or take some time out to get money to pay my monthly bills - or have Mrs. Bingle go to work. -- And so Dr. King with all this need before us for this field it makes me write a letter to you now that I have never written in my life before. I just must have more income to cover my living cost. You will have to cast the deciding vote. At one time one could have coupled this extension work with a small church as a tie up, but I cannot see how that can be done today with satisfaction. By myself, the field could not be covered.

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Church _____

Date _____

NOTE—This quarterly news letter is to be written in addition to all other reports. Use it for reporting the outstanding experience or experiences during the past three months in your church.

Let me thank you most heartily for the allotment for the Young People's conference. I am sure with the set up we had this year with the Anchorage pastor gone & with the two pastors at the extreme end not present, there will be some funds ~~is~~ returned, in fact ^{quite} some amount. I am sorry with the possibility we did not make more effort to get the Crawfords over. With the program they are carrying they would have been greatly interested in coming to the conference and it would have given us much needed leadership.

In closing I want to further express my appreciation for having been given this opportunity this year to fit into a picture that is so unusual and is so difficult. As the result of my effort for the church - for Christ - I am hoping and praying that youth & older folk will return to their homes after some little time with the presence of the master in their lives as never before.

Just one more note, & that is the why of preceding questions as to the family - One may yet get instructions as to what to do with economically non productive members of one's household. There is only so much & cover a certain territory. At present it is not too evident of enlarged reserves. I have been doing my best to lay in provisions. - My accumulation has been too skinny. If I can make good use of my 32 Special these next few days I will have solved the problem.

Sincerely,

B. J. Bingle

P.S. I am sending this to Mrs. Bingle
to forward - BJB

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Anchorage, Alaska

October 16
1942.

Rev. Everett B. King
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

Enclosed find letter of Mr. Bingle. I received a wire from him yesterday reading:

DAUGHERTY FOWARDING INFORMATION AIR MAIL STOP
APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS GREETINGS

BERT J. BINGLE

On October 15 I had wired Daughtery:

"WHAT SUPPLIES ARE ON HAND FOR PRESBYTERIAN MISSION."

Daughtery replies: "CONTACT BINGLE"

This above wire was in response to the enclosed letter from Miss Martin.

Over a week ago I phoned Miss Martin at Seward and talked with her of the situation. I found that she was hesitant about taking up the Island position at the present. She has obligations in Seward which must be met and prefers that a man take up the mission work under the existing circumstances.

Now at present we have this Island situation this far advanced.

- 1- Klerekoper is willing to release Roy at Barrow.
- 2- We need to get Ipalook's consent of removal. This should come from you with terms of contract etc. Radiogram through to Wainwright through Barrow.
- 3- Arrangements for transportation can be made through Marshal Hoppin of the C.A.A. who is is vitally interested in work. He is head of this agency for the territory.

We will await information from Daughtery and will let you know at once as to food situation. I am sure that a man will be able to make it through the winter with the increased travel to the island.

Faithfully yours.

Roland

Order of wires

College, Alaska.
Oct. 15, 1942.

Rolland Armstrong, Pastor
Presbyterian Church
Anchorage, Alaska.

My Dear Rev. Armstrong:

By this time You will have received a letter from Dr. King asking us to get together for conference on the Island matter. I do not know how the whole thing stands, it is too late I think to get back transportation from home to the Island with provisions. I

I will be down on the next Tuesday train. I am not yet decided to come to Anchorage or stop at Palmer first. I have a couple pressing matters up the hills too. It all depends on information received about the Island in the meantime.

Since I did not hear from you I thought a double wire to the Island might not be too bad under the circumstances, so I wired Daugherty. I have not yet received an answer. I wired Miss Martin and she also asked for information from the Island. She will answer when she learns about food and fuel. The Coast Guard office here might have some information so I am going in there to learn what I can learn this day. With the information that I can get I will see you on arrival and we can make some decisions. It looks bad right now due to our late attempt to solve our problems.

If you see Rev. Ralph Wheeler you tell him, if you will, that I am coming down and I would like to have a little confab with him. You tell him that that pork and beans he eats down there are not half as good as Nellie can serve in the diner.

Tell Bob Attwood too that I am coming down and I will check with him on the publication. What do you think if it? I think Bob did good work on it, it is not my work.

Hope you are enjoying your new ministry.

Sincerely,

Rec'd
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
OCT 16 1942

B. J. Bringle

College, Alaska
Oct. 15, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
Alaska Work and S.S. Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Your letters are at hand and I will attempt a hasty answer.
The check for the \$100.00 to apply to the Young People's conference
of South-West Alaska was expended as follows:

- Rev. C. W. Randall ----- \$10.00
- Mjr. C. E. Albrecht ----- 20.00 (this I borrowed)
- United Protestant Conference
(Ministerial set-up) ----- 10.00 (this I expended ^{from funds} to set up conf.)
- Mrs. B. J. Bingle ----- 20.00 (Mrs. Bingle acted as Asst. Cook
and part of faculty, this had
always been paid for before, it
will cover her expenses.)
- Dr. Everett B. King ----- 40.00

- this last amount is returned to you as amount not used.

I wish to thank you very much for this gift. I am going to try getting
the Doctor to give at least half of the \$20.00 to our King's Lake
Camp fund. We need the money. Next year I hope we are finishing
100% and we will need all the allotment of \$100.00. Incidentally the
camp is still being used by the arm forces at Fort Richardson. We
have been attempting to have Cook and group under the direction of
Chaplain Wheeler come for recreation and religious purposes. We hope
thereby to make a real contribution to them.

Your letter asking about the rent arrangements I will answer by
saying that I have added this item \$5.00 for rent. I have
\$10.00. My rent is \$5.00. I have added \$10.00 to my rent.
Therefore I have been paid. You will have received my hand written
letter which I wrote in which I was trying to get the amount raised.
that the amount can be raised to at least \$25.00. Change in prices
of food and other things has made it necessary for me to get the amount
of \$25.00. I want to have to do extra labor myself, when I do that then the work
is not done the way it should be done. I have had in the past to rob
my tithe to pay bills. That is not right.-- The letter of contract
has also been received. I appreciated all the words of suggestion
for the missionary. One surely has to fight for time to have personal
devotions when one is on the road for around two weeks and he is try-
ing to catch people on two shifts per day for that time. On one
night I was speaking only one hour. I was covering the con-
struction area, at which time I showed Alaskan pictures, I spoke 17
times in 8 days, most of which was at eleven at night or one in the
morning.

I appreciate the letter from Mjr. Albrecht too. He is doing a
good work.

I cannot get to Anchorage before next Tue. I wired for information
from the Island, Alaska. I hope I can get to Anchorage before
the 20th. I hope I can get to Anchorage before the 20th.
Island
B-J. Bingle.

Dr. King - did you will? - That no. is large but I think I am having good responses. BJB.

College, Alaska
Oct. 31, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
Alaska Work and S.S. Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Will you have sent the following and at the earliest opportunity possible, if it meets with your approval:

- ✓ The 1000 calanders as last year. I surely wish to get them as single or men absent from home should have something better than liquor store calanders to look at, they call it art.
- ✓ The 100 copies of Today for Dec.- The Oct. ones just arrived. *order # 2406*
- ✓ 50 copies of "year with the Bible"- Kerr. *order 2440 11/10/42*
- ✓ 6 copies of Church School Leaflets- for beginners, Jan. Feb. Mar. '43 *order # 532 11/10/42*
- ✓ 6 copies of Church School Leaflets- for primaries, Jan. Feb. Mar. '43

If there is anything that you have on hand that will be of help to young men away from home that fits into the Christmas picture pass it along if you will?

What does our church have, or the Emergency committee, that is for Service men? The Seven Day Adventists, Alliance folks and numerous others have materials going to these men in service, we should have something that represents the Presbyterian Church, or at least the Protestant churches combined. I am sure it is in print, I just need to make contact. If you can help me send it on.

Again, what has happened to "Monday Morning". I have not received a copy since I left Palmer. I miss that so much. Will you see that I get back on the mailing list? *order Monday Morning, follow-up on committee by address 11/10/42*

My expense check finally arrived - straight mail. My salary check has not yet arrived. Will you again inform those concerned that it needs to come air mail. I am really without funds. I need to go South in one week and I do not want to borrow that money.-- The expense check that arrived was for Sept.

Sincerely,

B. J. Bingle

College, Alaska
Oct. 31, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
Alaska Work and S.S. Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

I arrived home last night after covering many miles by train, truck, and bus. I was into three camps, attempting to care for religious work where there is no chaplain, also to Anchorage and to the coal mines.

The coal mine above Anchorage is a bright spot in the work right now. The S.S. continues to operate, most of the people are reading the Today magazine, getting a personal subscription- ie families at Jonesville.

The order to close gold mines cut out two Sunday Schools entirely and it may cut out or cut down a third seriously. Places for calling and services are also eliminated.

In some places there is as yet no chaplain. I have been helping some. In some places more than others. I conferred with the head chaplain of the ground forces and he asked me to continue to work with the men quite closely even tho chaplains did come at a later date.-- I hope this is not saying too much as I want you to know the above. In other words I do not wish it cut out of the letter.

I felt keenly about our Eskimo boys down here in camp. I find they are not attending church as much as they should. That is bad. The facilities provided are certainly ~~more~~ ^{fewer}, but not all opportunity is utilized. The future church in the arctic is at stake with that condition. I am going back down there in about 10 days, if I can get there. Later if conditions prohibit and I can get David to go over from Cordova I will have him go, giving him expense allowance from my amount. I feel that it is imperative we do something about those boys. Some of them know him and like him very much. Boat service is possible from Cordova.

As you know by now Rev. Armstrong and I conversed about the Island work. I not only feel we are in a "jam" but the situation there is pathetic. 50 years of work at "stake" from more than one angle. Up to the present, unless changed just recently, people are without winters provisions. It is hard for me to eat much when I think of them. Two things I would like to suggest about that work. First:- that for the duration that the purchasing agent in Seattle inform the responsible party here as to when and what items left Seattle for the Island, keeping us fully informed, or that we purchase any and all items in Nome. Conditions which are so and so this year will be no better- I believe worse next year. Second:- that the contact man be the one to go to the Island and not the S.S. Missionary to get a first hand picture of needs and people. It is not possible for good program to be carried out without that person knowing. It is unfair for one to ask him to make certain decisions or to move quickly when whys and wherefores are unknown.

The way things are lining up for me at this writing I am going to be extremely busy in a direction which I did not travel one year ago. Again, things may open up quickly that will make it doubly necessary that some one keep an eye on conditions and movements.

I understand you are to come up. I should like to know when so I can plan my work accordingly.

sincerely, B. J. Bingle

College, Alaska
Nov. 5 - 42.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
S.S. Unit & Alaska work
156 Fifth Ave - N.Y. City.

My dear Dr. King:

Your letter with its two surprises and "Christmas" gifts arrived. You will never know how it feels to have a burden raise from your shoulders, as this one! I celebrated by getting the stomach flu that afternoon. Now my car I can put in shape so there will not be a question of it being able to negotiate ice, snow, & cold weather, - let me thank you from the bottom of my heart.

As I read your letter I take it that the report will be a general one and ^{I will} not give a book accounting of how the finances were spent. - The work with the armed forces will not be given with dates, names or places, that would not be allowed. The civilian work will be named on regular report. The old Alaska map will give names of places on Richardson Highway - The new highway is not yet on the maps, - it is called Alcan (Alaska-Canada). Remember no new civilian work is yet undertaken to a great extent - also I only worked the R.R. before this summer - When I name places of work, if so formerly, I will add (C.) I take it further, that expense to get to areas where I work with the armed forces will come from the fifty dollars.

Enclosed find bill for those 100 today for Oct. I believe there must be some mistake as you stated to order ^{them} thru you, - Be sure I have that many coming each month till further notice. - Let me know if I pay - I will order from West Coast. Thank you again. - Sam B. Bingle

November 11, 1942

Rev. B. J. Bingle
College, Alaska

Dear Burt:

In your letter of October 31 you made several orders and all of these have been taken care of; 1,000 calendars, 100 copies of Today for December and January, 50 copies of Year with the Bible, 6 copies of Church School Leaflets for beginners, and 6 copies for primaries. In addition I have asked the Unit of Evangelism to mail you the pamphlets that this unit has been sending to chaplains.

I have notified Monday morning again about your change of address. If you still do not hear, let me know.

I think we are in a jam in the matter of the St. Lawrence Island work. Our Purchasing Agent in Seattle did not buy supplies for the Island this year. I do not know whether it will be possible to send any supplies from Seattle before next summer. In view of these facts it is going to be hard to manage the living condition. I have written to Armstrong and Fred Klerekoper asking them to take care and take charge of this problem, and if possible to find some solution.

I appreciate the services that you are rendering not only to the different mines, but also to the many camps. More power to you.

Cordially yours,

Everett B. King

EBK:EP

Nov. 16, 1942

Rev. B. J. Bingle,
College, Alaska

Dear Bingo:

Your letter of November 5 was full pay for all the efforts and all the increase that has been made for you. As I read your letter and caught the deep note of gratitude together with the real joy that the word received by you had given, I was made deeply humble. I count it a privilege to work for you men in Alaska, and you may be sure that I am not permitting any opportunity to pass by that will help you fellows to carry on the work there in the territory. We will take care of all bills for "Today".

I hope that the mail will not be too complicated so that you will receive an ample supply to help you carry on your good work.

For the next issue of the Trail Blazer, I think it would be very fine if you would devote the contents mainly to the work with the Eskimos. You should have some good pictures of the work with the Eskimos, or perhaps old Bob has some cuts that you could use, having additional cuts made. People generally are deeply interested in and concerned with the work with the Eskimos. In fact, many folks feel that that is the only type of work that we carry on in Alaska.

I would not suggest that you make the full issue on Eskimo work, but I think that you could devote the major portion of the next issue to this type of work.

Cordially yours.

mk

College, Alaska
Nov. 26, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
Alaska Work and S.S. Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

This finds me on Thanksgiving Day just 115 miles from a good turkey dinner. Myself and family were to be at Big Delta for the day, having worship in the evening, the day not being off for the men there. But lower and lower went the mercury and harder and harder did I work on my car to get it going, but of no avail. The last truck rolled out without me, which I could have ridden over Alaska's Burma road, so here I am. My attempt will be to go in the morning, but I will want to wear just about as many clothes as I did when I rode the dogteam last March along the Bering Sea.

Your letters received during my absence. I thank you for your appreciation of the Trail Blazer. Rob't Attwood is the man to give the credit to as to how it was written-, and that is the important part. I am forwarding about 75 copies that I have left to you on the request for 250 more. I am writing the others, having them to send to you what they can. I personally asked Rev. Randall if he had any left to forward the same to you, I will write Rolland as I am not sure I spoke with him about the same. I will write David too. The men liked them very much and used them extensively. I feel that it boosted our work considerably in the areas that I touch.

My monthly report is late, I just arrived home, and over a trail that keeps one driving every foot of the 450 miles. Believe it or not in it is cold temperature water seeps right out of the ground and forms mounds of ice all over the roads at high spots. Those things are treacherous as they usually skirt a sharp drop off, they come up so suddenly too. If it is snowing and you hit one of those things and it happens to be dark, well you want to have lived rightly.-- As I wrote out in more detail the work for the month I had hoped it would be sufficient to cover the extra report on the work for the Emergency fund. If you wish to have it by itself you just say the word and I will get it off before the first of the year. I thought I would be home for a couple weeks and get caught up on my correspondence but it seems that something might be presenting itself which will take me away for quite a trip, starting very soon.

I take it by the letter regarding the St. Lawrence Island that this part will be taken from the work that I am doing?-- That will be alright with me, but if I am to have anything more to do with it I will want to know. Personally I would prefer to have it left to the others if you wish it so, but if that is still to be in this work when you come North I would like to make a suggestion on the same.

At this writing I have not received my Sat. expense check, the Totals that you stated you ordered some weeks ago. I presume it is just the mail, but Rolland says this is alright. Maybe it would be well to order ahead for the next six months the 100 copies, asking that they be sent out as soon as possible each month. Thank you for the before "Sunday Morning" sincerely, B. J. Bringle

Supplement to Oct 15 - Nov 14 - Report. B. J. Bingle

Oct 15. Ladd Field Conf. in Work at Big Delta by Red Cross.

15 & 16th Went to Nenana, learned the Episcopal Church put resident Minister there - hired hall I used for church purposes during Winter months. All Elders gone - only Episcopal workers left. This put us practically out except for watchful eye on conditions & property - collected 10.50 for missions & brot communion set to home at College.

17th Went to Big Delta for church - took Alaska Slides to show boys Stopped Road Camp south & showed slides & had prayer with men at place.

18th Held Services. at Big Delta - returning home P.M.

19th Left for Anchorage for general work & Conference with Rev. Armstrong

20th on St. Lawrence Is. business - arrived 20th

21st Out to see Capt. Culpepper about general work. Went to Palmer - Conference ^{Kings Lake} Camp.

22nd At Jonesville & Eska coal mining camps. Did some wiring for information from Daugherty on St. Lawrence Island.

23rd Palmer - Kings Lake - Anchorage. - Disassembled things for winter at Lake. Had 2nd Conference with Capt. Culpepper.

24th Final Conference on St. L. Is. work & missionary - rode freight to Matanuska. Conference later at Palmer on work at mine & Kings Lake Camp.

25th Used opportunity to go Valdez - went via Glen Allen - had to ride back end of "Pickup" but worth while as was able to visit many men en route - Slept on Balcony in Warehouse at night.

26th Went to Valdez where I could see many of the boys from the Arctic - they are members of our church up there. - fine ex. one boy said, "Pray for us that we fall not into temptation."

Oct 27 - Called at camp. Saw Old Presbyterian member. In Alaska since 1902. President of Schools - head of W.C.T.U. of Alaska & now Commissioner - good conf. - met ^{Eakins} boys at night - Service in Court room - gave out devotional etc material. - boys look good -

Oct 28 - Left for Glen Allen. then went to Gulkana & ^{back to} Dry Creek. Stayed Dry Creek all night - had Services there - good response by men - number of good church folk at this place both high & low. - anxious for devotional material.

Oct 29 - Went to Big Delta, called enroute - also good visit with man of our church in N. Mex.

Oct 30 - Rode big truck back to Fairbanks. - the home.

Oct 31 - At Fairbanks had to see about things that come up enroute, errands to run for self & folks out of town to see.

Nov 1 - Went with family to Church in Fairbanks. - In eve showed our Alaska slides at C. C. Social hr. - also conf with Mjr. ^{Whelan} on work in outlying areas.

Nov. 2 - Conference with Red Cross man for that district also Mjr. Whelan Air Corps Chaplain of Alaska - effecting the work in out areas.

Nov. 3. Spent most day at desk getting out mail - Sending devotional literature & "Trail Blazer" to church folks in the Canyon field of this Presbytery - folks I have met & are desiring such for personal meditation.

Nov. 4 - Went to Chatanika to see what is left after order out & close all gold mines - certainly not much & scattered. -
that S. P. 9me 400.

Nov. 5-42 - more work as desk - business trip to Fairbanks.

Nov. 6-42 - Went to Big Delta - worked on car some hrs. previously headed a group of 10 School teachers & 3 High School girls who went to camp for week end - recreation skating & skiing - also church services - showed more Alaska pictures to boys - "good propaganda" to know more about country asked to serve in - Some don't see too much & heed as then.

Nov. 7-42 - program of same.

Nov. 8-42 - Church worship A.M. - return to home P.M. - all felt very constructive - returned my load.

Nov. 9-42 - Started for Valdez to meet with Eskimo boys once more before entrance to Valdez impossible from this end. - (Guess about lost car in & out - that trip back was not "funny")

Nov. 10-42 Left B.D. for South - hoped to make Valdez but only got to Gulkana - stopped over night at Construction camp. held service for them - gave the "Alaska Slide" showing too.

Nov. 11-42 - Went on to Dry Creek - The Copper Center - C., then on to Valdez - got as many Eskimo boys together as possible had service in a missionary's home the thor at best to pull over gear for the north. I guess right - I feel the boys now have a better start to attending worship - they were neglecting it very much.

Nov. 12-42 - Back at Dry Creek visited with ones - as Lane Chaplain there ^{now} I showed 2 showings of slides I borrowed for Education & instruction.

Note—This Supplement is furnished for the purpose of giving the Missionary an opportunity of reporting special work performed during the month, for which adequate space is not provided on the regular Monthly Report blank. It should be used also, to give information concerning the conditions of the field; the progress of the Community schools under the Missionary's care and any interesting incidents or experiences in connection with the month's work. Write on both sides.

- Nov. 13 - 42 - Drove to Palmer - calling on men enroute - small groups for maintenance purposes. Took 2 along
- Nov. 14 - 43 - At Esko + Jonesville coal mines. S. S. there not so large + quite a bit of it is individualistic work because of distance. Hope to get back there the Sun. before Christmas.

Nov. 15-42 - Left Palmer for Eklutna Sunday School. - Found an evangelist with much voice & not so much other things who is teacher there leading not a S.S. but preaching a sermon, using no material but speaking over their heads. I left ample material there but -- However with a war on teachers are scarce. Hence ^{they} do the best they can. But that does not do religious job correctly. - Drove on to Anchorage for eve. - took part in church services.

Nov. 16-42 Had conference with folk who expect to visit a military out post between Christmas & new year. - made plans.

Had conference at Fort Richardson with acting chaplain of Alaska Defence unit relative to ^{Particular} work on posts, also a mid winter conference for soldiers & civilians. - while I feel much could be accomplished encouragement on the part of acting chaplain was certainly not much.

Nov. 17-42. Had lunch and chat with lady whose husband died who was telegrapher at one of Alaska R.R. Stations out of Anchorage. - quite broken up. - Took train P.M. on for Talkeetna. Found order closing gold mines had hurt that town too, cut it to a very little. The S.S. I that was operating was not operating. The S.S. material not even getting out to children. The ^{Road House} ~~Saloon~~ I had services in at a prior time was now closed so no church -- what a good thing for the Saloon! - I did call on most of people that evening.

Nov. 18-42 I spoke at school to the children that morning. Told them the meaning of Christmas - They did not know what it was all about according to the teacher. I more calls enroute to Anchorage -

Nov. 19-42 After business card for in Anchorage I made ready to leave by car for the north. Had many errands & do for folks far into the hills who could not get to town & can scarcely buy things they need. Saw husband of one of our fine folk at Palmer who was so helpful in building our church & Manse. His wife was sent to a Sanatorium - This person was in Anchorage in court as I stayed close. Drove to Palmer in eve.

Nov. 20-42. made a trip to Wasilla - more errands besides calling. find church work now being carried on there by an independent Baptist.

Nov. 21-42. Drove to Kulkana - conditions on road with new glaciers not so good! called at 3 places in particular where a number of peoples were. Due to road I arrived too late for services at last places as hoped for.

Nov. 22-42. after early breakfast & prayer with folk concerned started to make another Point for worship in eve. - but conditions enroute prohibited my arrival in sufficient time - finally had to "hold up" at midnight at another place! - That trip however good did not "click" the way I wanted it to.

Nov. 23-42 - Repaired car - drove on home caring for business in town enroute.

Nov. 24-42 - out to Ladd Field to care for Christmas program at one of the outposts at Fairbanks attempting to get my car ready to go for Thanksgiving worship ^{and}

Nov. 25-42 Grounded at home - no move - too cold. Town in eve. Work on tour coming up.

Nov. 27-42 Worked on car - fixed tire, repair carburetor, etc.

Nov. 28-42 Left very early with U.S.O. Troop 217 for extended trip - they give program I hold service.

Nov. 29-42 Had worship twice - good response.

Nov. 30-42 Left troop & returned home with ~~the~~

- Nov 30 - 42 - Went to Tamacross with U.S.O. - good response. Should have been there before - must go back just after Christmas to make it mean more for them.
- Dec 1 - 42 - Left Troop at above place & returned home - they to proceed on. Should have stayed together & went east further, found that out later.
- Dec 2 - 42. Went to town & bought new tire shot out 2 soldiers from ~~my~~ outpost had them for lunch -
- Dec 3 - 42. made ready & eve drove back to BD to continue our first trip. ^{Chapter 9 U.S. Engineers or come for lunch.} Nature does funny things in Dec.
- Dec 4 - 42. at Big Delta all day - not able to proceed.
- Dec 5 - 42 - returned to town - did extra calling enroute home. a Nazarene preached the sermon.
- Dec 6 - 42 - at Services at Ladd Field - took part, a Negroine preached the sermon. 4 boys out to home for dinner after church.
- Dec 7 - 42 at Fairbanks carrying out request of mjs. - getting a Christmas program lined up for this outpost.
- Dec 8 - 42 at Desk. Put out mail, work about place. Evening Am. Legion meeting where I obtained financial assistance to have a better Christmas for outpost of Troops. (not white)
- Dec 9 - 42. at Fairbanks - worked on Christmas program for outpost with Red Cross man.
- Dec 10 - 42. Desk - P.M. worked on above Christmas things for nonwhites.
- Dec 11 - 42 Desk - P.M. - " " " " " " " "
- Dec 12 - 42 made ready to take trip down Railroad to camps & mines. - Train not go - had to return home
- Dec 13 - 42 to Kenana & Healy
- Dec 14 - 42 to Curry

B. J. Bingle

College Alaska
Dec. 28, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King, Sec.
Alaska Work and S.S. Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

It is forbidden by law to tell what the temperature is or has been in Alaska so I will refrain but will denote its tendency when I say it was so cold here a few days ago that the cook at one of the camps told me the "koo-koo" broke out of the clock and went over by the stove to get warm. I did a poor job at one place where I held service for a number of men. The room was so cold, scarcely any heat, dirt floor, this all made me forget all about singing Silent Night, It came upon a midnight clear, etc. I sure crawled down in my bed roll

Yesterday I had an unusual experience, I held service for quite a group of negroes. They sing hymns in the good old way. Quite a number there were familiar with church and church ways. The last they had a service was about two months ago. Our American Legion and Auxiliary sent out candy, cookies and nuts for Christmas and altho it was a little late they appreciated the remembrance. I was to start tonight so I could get to others like the above but the man going with me did not feel he could get away and I did not want to cover such long distance alone in a car at night when I was fearful that another bird would be trying to get out of the clock. So I returned home and will leave very early in the morning. I hope to return by the end of the week.

I received the second check for labor with men in service. But this check stated that it was for work in Palmer and the Matanuska Valley. I assume that such designation was confused with Rev. O.W. Randall's check designation. It is quite hard to give a particular designation outside of the Yukon Presbytery. Our Area is extended and I think it will be more so.

A great number of pamphlets arrived. Thank you very much. The Calanders are not yet here.

Presbytery will meet on Jan. 19th at Anchorage. I am making out a report to present at that time, I will send you a copy. It will be more in the line for possible future areas.

I was able with a little effort to get my car running this morning after being laid up a couple weeks. I put a fire under it first, coals in a gallon can right under the oil pan. I must give it a few minutes run now, than catch a few hours sleep, then leave no later than five.

Best wishes for a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

B. J. Bingle

